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CCI TO PROBE 'EXPLOITATIVE' PRIVACY POLICY OF WHATSAPP

The Competition Commission of India on Wednesday directed its investigation arm to conduct a probe into WhatsApp's privacy policy

INVESTIGATION TO BE CONCLUDED IN 2 MONTHS

The move came after the fair trade regulator prima facie found the firm has contravened competition law provisions through its "exploitative and exclusionary conduct" in the garb of policy update. The CCI directed its investigation arm, the director general (DG), to complete the probe into WhatsApp's updated privacy policy and submit a report within 60 days |P12

DISCLOSE TO WHAT EXTENT IS DATA SHARED

- The Commission said users, as owners of their personalised data, are entitled to know the extent, scope and purpose of sharing of such information by WhatsApp with other Facebook companies
- WhatsApp claims the update does not expand its ability to share data with Facebook but offers transparency about data usage

CCI

OBSERVATIONS ARE PRELIMINARY AND WON'T IMPACT THE MERITS OF THE CASE

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Ball set rolling for Ramana to take over as next CJI

In-house panel of Supreme Court dismisses AP CM Jagan's charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WITH just a month left for his retirement, Chief Justice of India S A Bobde has recommended the name of Justice N V Ramana as his successor.

Parallelly, an in-house inquiry against Justice Ramana following a complaint by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on allegedly manipulating the Andhra Pradesh High Court's roster to lean towards the Telugu Desam Party and its supremo N Chandrababu Naidu, was dismissed, paving the way for his appointment as the new CJI.

A bland statement issued by the Supreme Court said: "A complaint dated 6th October, 2020 sent by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to the Supreme Court was dealt with under the In-House Procedure and the same, on due consideration, stands dismissed. It must be noted that all the matters dealt with under the In-House Procedure being strictly confidential in nature, are not liable to be made public."

Justice N V Ramana

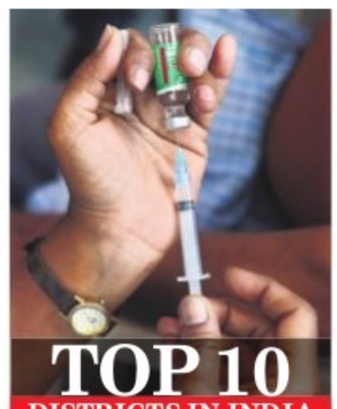
Among other allegations in Jagan's letter to CJI Bobde was the influencing of the Andhra High Court to stay a probe into an FIR filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau against former Advocate General Dammalapati Srinivas and 12 others, including his (Justice Ramana's) two daughters, in the Amaravati land scam.

With CJI Bobde sending the recommendation letter, Justice Ramana is now in line to be appointed as the 48th CJI. He is expected to take over as topmost judge of the land on April 24 and will retire on August 26, 2022. Only twice so far, the set procedure was not followed — first when Justice A N Ray was appointed the CJI on April 25, 1973 superseding three senior-most judges and next when Justice M H Beg was appointed the CJI on January 29, 1977 superseding Justice H R Khanna.

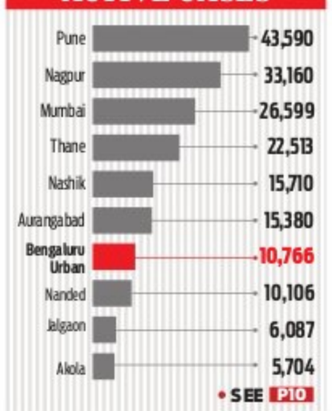
Justice Ramana was appointed permanent judge of the Andhra High Court on June 27, 2000 and functioned as Acting Chief Justice of Andhra High Court from March 10, 2013 to May 20, 2013. Appointed as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court on September 2, 2013, Justice Ramana was elevated as a judge of the SC on February 17, 2014.

The call of convention

As per convention, the CJI recommends the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court as his successor. The law minister puts it before the Prime Minister who advises the President on such appointments



TOP 10
DISTRICTS IN INDIA WITH HIGHEST ACTIVE CASES



• SEE P10

KARNATAKA SECOND WAVE BATTLE

Single-day positivity rate climbs to 2.12% on Wednesday, from 0.58% on March 1

12 people succumb to Covid in the state, of which 7 deaths reported in Bengaluru Urban

1,398
Bengaluru Urban reports the most cases, followed by Kalaburagi with 118 cases and Tumakuru with 94 cases

1,08,013 samples tested in the state during the day • SEE P3

3,68,457 INDIA'S TOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD | **47,262** FRESH CASES RECORDED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS | **23,907** RECOVERIES IN A DAY

CENTRE CONFIRMS DOUBLE MUTATION IN MAHARASHTRA

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday officially announced the detection of a new double mutant Covid-19 virus, in addition to several variants of concern (VOC) that have been found in at least 18 states in India.

This newspaper, in its March 17 edition, was the first to report the two mutations — E48Q and L452R — found together in about 20% samples in Maharashtra. This double mutation has not been seen anywhere else globally yet.

The Union Health Ministry said since Indian SARS-CoV-2 Consortium on Genomics (INSACOG) began its work, 771 VOCs have been detected out of 10,787 positive samples shared by states. They include 736 samples that tested positive for the UK variant, 34 for of the South African variant and one of the Brazilian variant. These samples came from 18 states across the country.

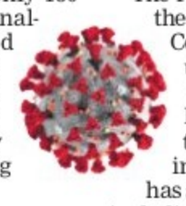
"Such (double) mutations confer immune escape and increased infectivity. These mutations have been found in about 15-20% of samples and do not match any previously catalogued VOCs," the ministry said. Also, of the 2,032 samples from all 14 districts in Kerala sequenced so far, the N440K variant that is associated with immune escape has been found in 123 from 11 districts. This variant was earlier found in 33% of samples from Andhra Pradesh, and in 53 of 104 samples from Telangana. P10

"We have to understand that this virus will mutate and when strains are formed, then they can get dangerous and one needs to understand how the virus is behaving — Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, Head, Department of Sleep Medicine, Manipal Hospital

Small genome sample size, low funds hit studies

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

WHILE the Union Health Ministry has announced a new 'double mutant' variant in India, the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru — where genome sequencing of samples from across the state is being conducted — has also been able to test only 180 samples so far and the analysis have not revealed any new strain in Karnataka. The institute is also facing a severe fund crunch to carry out detailed sequencing procedures.



Medical experts, who are noticing changes in the behaviour of the virus in patients, argue that the samples collected in the state are extremely few and say that the situation calls for more genome sequencing to know if there is any new variant in the state which is leading to an increase in the number of cases.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Dr V Ravi, Nodal officer for genomic confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 and retired professor at NIMHANS, said, "Of all the samples we have tested in Karnataka, including the recent clusters from Yelahanka and the Nursing College in Bengaluru, there has been no new mutant variants. However, we are continuing to take samples for genomic sequencing."

The NIMHANS is also one of the labs under Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortium (INSACOG). According to the data given by Dr Ravi, the lab began tests for genome sequencing from December 20 and has so far tested 180 samples, including UK returnees. Of the 75 traveller samples tested, they have found the UK strain in 30 samples and the South African strain in three samples in Karnataka. However, experts believe that the sample size of 180, given the positive numbers the state is witnessing now, is too small and they believe that the presence of a new variant cannot be ruled out. P3

National para athletics meet held in the dark

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

IF a last-minute change of venue sounded extreme enough, para-atheletes at the ongoing National Para Athletics Championships were in for a rude shock on Wednesday night. For, shot put was conducted with help from mobile phone lights and car headlights at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium. The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) didn't respond to calls but the videos doing the rounds painted a sorry picture of sport in India.

This incident under the Bengaluru lights was the latest in a series of snafus the PCI has seemingly entangled itself in since March 21. First, they shifted the competition from Chennai to Bengaluru leaving some athletes stranded. Even if they couldn't be blamed for that, as TN government denied permission due to rising Covid cases, the first day itself has eyebrow-raising episodes play itself out. First, deciding to organising a para meet at a venue not friendly to wheelchairs. Then, there were multiple reports of Covid-19 breaches, including not adhering to SOPs, a fact acknowledged by Sports Authority of India. P13

Budget business done, leaders focus on polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH bypolls in the state round the corner and the electioneering heat rising several notches in the neighbouring states ahead of the first phase of polling, the Karnataka legislature wound up business for the Budget Session on Wednesday. The early adjournment of the legislature will help the ruling and opposition parties kickstart their campaigning for upcoming bypolls for Maski and Basavakalyan Assembly seats and Belagavi parliamentary seat in a full-fledged manner.

Before being adjourned sine die, both the Assembly and Council passed finance-related bills and other key bill even as many legislators from treasury benches were missing. Senior members like C T Ravi, Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, Suresh Kumar, Sunil Kumar from BJP, who have been appointed as in-charge and campaigners for Assembly elections in other states, as well leaders like MLC Ravikumar, who have been appointed for bypolls in Karnataka, have been juggling between legislative and party duties.

No discussion or debate was held over supplementary estimates as a defiant government was keen on getting the Bills passed even as Congress refused to cooperate and participate in debate. For the third day in a row, no bills were discussed, scrutinised or debated in the House. The adjournment came on a day the Congress intended to stage an all-night protest inside Vidhana Soudha. The Opposition party now intends to take its protest outside the secretariat. P4

EXPRESS READ

Petrol price cut by 18 paise, diesel by 17 paise

NEW DELHI: In the first reduction in rates in over a year, petrol price on Wednesday was cut by 18 paise per litre and diesel by 17 paise a litre as international oil prices tumbled to the lowest since early February. Rates have been reduced across the country depending on the local incidence of taxation (VAT).

Dr Murthy is Surgeon General: US Senate

WASHINGTON: Indian-American physician Dr Vivek Murthy has been confirmed by the Senate as President Joe Biden's Surgeon General, a post he will occupy for the second time. In 2011, President Obama tapped him to serve on the advisory group on prevention, health promotion, and integrative and public health. P11

POLITICAL PULSE

Thumbs up for delivering devpt in Assam, but a big no for price rise

Ear to the Ground
ASSAM POLLS

H KHOGEN SINGH
@ Dibrugarh/Nagaon (Assam)

IF upgrading of national highways and construction of roads in the rural belts of Assam could win an election, then the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party should race to power, leaving in its wake a Congress-led alliance and a large number of smaller, ethno-nationalist political parties.

From Tinsukia in the eastern tip of the state to Nagaon in middle Assam and beyond, dump trucks, excavators, bulldozers and road rollers work through the day, forcing traffic to weave left and right at regular intervals. While rural roads are being metalled, the national highways are being four-laned.

"The BJP has done a lot of development work, it has made roads, toilets and houses," said Sanjib Bora, the owner of a shack restaurant next to the national highway in Chabua, Tinsukia. "People here will support the BJP for this."

Bora's sentiment was endorsed by Dhanesh Pegu, also a roadside dhaba owner in Dhemaji district next to the recently-opened Bogibeel bridge, the longest one on the Brahmaputra river.

"Modi ne bahut kaam kiya hain (Narendra Modi has done a lot of work)," he said.

"Take the Bogibeel bridge for instance, the foundation stone was laid by (H D) Deve Gowda, then (Atal Bihari) Vajpayee did some work but after that, there was a Congress government both at the Centre and in the state but nothing happened. When Modi came he finished the bridge," Pegu said.

It's no wonder then that from Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Sarabanda Sonowal and state Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to the ordinary BJP karyakarta (worker), development is one of the main talking points.

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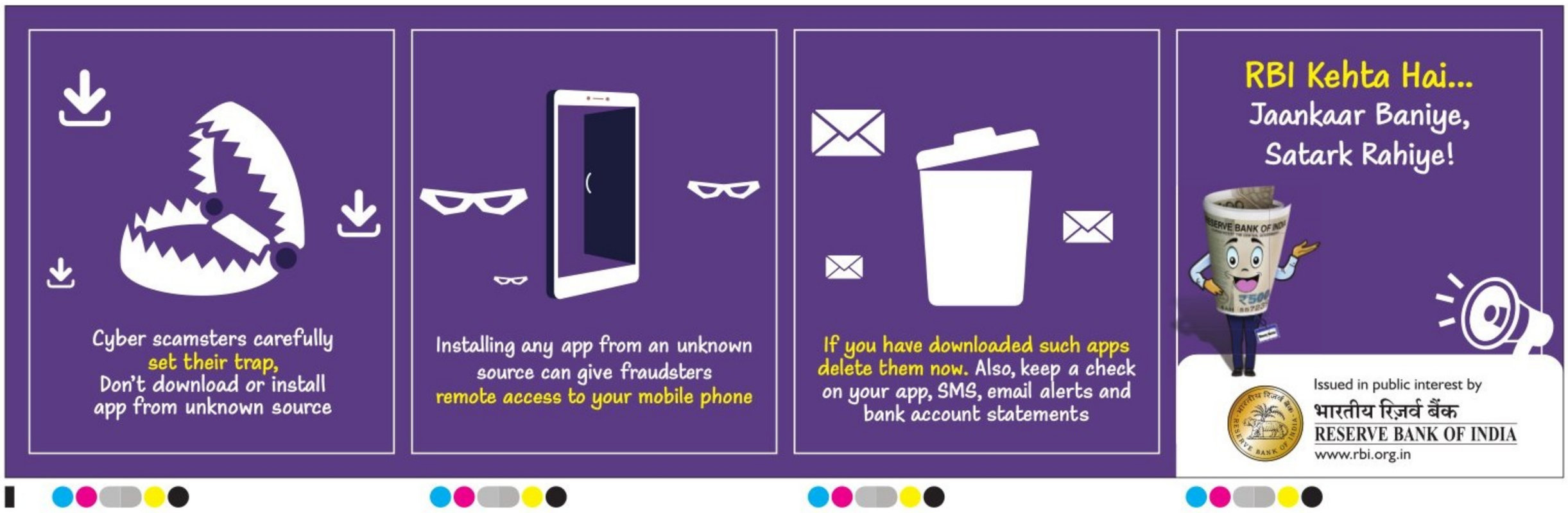
Thackeray starts damage control over allegations

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI
@ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray called an urgent meeting of senior Cabinet ministers at his residence on Wednesday to discuss the political situation following the explosive letter written by ex-Mumbai top cop Param Bir Singh.

The meeting was in the backdrop of the Supreme Court's observation that Singh's allegations against Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh were "quite serious". Singh had approached the SC challenging his transfer but the apex court directed him to approach the Bombay High Court. P10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• Wednesday: 24/03/2021 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana
• Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Phalguna • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Dwadashi 5.05 am
• Nakshatra: Ashlesha 7.32 pm • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST
Mostly sunny

Sunrise 6.20 am
Sunset 6.30 pm
Moonrise 3.25 pm
Moonset 3.37 am

POWERING THE SECOND WAVE

TEAM TNIE

FEAR of the second Covid-19 wave appears non-existent in Karnataka, with huge gatherings, rallies and promotional events being the norm. Though positivity rate is increasing by the day, and healthcare experts advise restraint, there is a nonchalance among people ever since the vaccine arrived, with masks and social distance being dispensed with. Senior health officials fear that these events could turn into super spreaders, burden the healthcare system and lead to a high fatality rate. *The New Indian Express* looks at some recent events held in Karnataka -- from political rallies to movie star promotions.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar has appealed to the film fraternity, requesting stars not to hold promotional events. "I understand that Covid-19 has caused problems for the cinema industry too. But when stars go out to promote their movies, thousands of people tend to gather, which could put many people's lives at risk. I appeal to stars to ensure they do not hold such gatherings," he said.

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1. Hundreds of devotees took part in Sri Kudtheri Mahamaya Brahma Rathotsava in Car Street, Mangaluru, on March 18. A majority of those who turned up failed to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, despite a surge in cases in Mangaluru

2. Actor Puneeth Rajkumar, who requested CM B S Yediyurappa not to reduce seating capacity in theatres to 50 per cent, visited Ballari, Hubballi, Kalaburagi and Ramanagara districts recently to promote his movie 'Yuvaratna'. It led to thousands gathering to catch a glimpse of the star

3. Over 10,000 people gathered to celebrate the Aranya Siddeshwar 'Bhandara Jatre' at Kerur village, in Belagavi district. None of the devotees wore masks or followed social distance norms

4. Thousands of farmers staged a protest as part of Samyukt Kisan Morcha's protest against the farm laws. Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait and Hasiru Sene chief Kodihalli Chandrashekhar led the protest

Universities curtail vacation time

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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TO bring the calendar back on track from next the academic year, universities are cutting short their semester breaks, while also buckling up for a second wave on campus. This even as examinations are being held offline for the ongoing semester.

Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan had announced that examinations and classes will go on as per the academic calendar and there will be no revision. The onus was put on universities to take precautionary measures to contain the spread on campus. University administrators are trying to ensure that the academic delay this year does not spill over to the next year, and repercussions are curtailed.

"The previous year, post-graduate (PG) students missed out on field work for dissertation, which is part of their programme. They had to rely on secondary data sources. This year, we are getting our students back to college early so that they have enough time for data collection and industry visits," Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore North University, T D Kemparaju, told TNIE.

Final-year PG students just have two days of semester break this year. The break for first year undergraduate students has also been reduced from 15 days to seven days, considering that they need more physical classes before their examinations are scheduled in the third week of April, after all other years.

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> T D Kemparaju, V-C, Bangalore North University

Sanitation and added vigilance for symptomatic cases has become among the top priorities on campuses as the second wave has hit.

University of Agricultural Sciences Vice-Chancellor Dr S Rajendra Prasad told *TNIE* that the end of the academic semester is drawing near and Covid-19 incidents on campus at present are zero. A chief medical officer is placed on campus in case of incidents, health department guidelines are followed, and distancing is maintained in classroom as well, he said.

As for setting right of the coming academic year, Prasad said that students are not given more than two weeks semester break in April, as opposed to the regular five weeks. "They have been at home for almost a year, hence we are curtailing the break," he added. About 70 per cent of the curriculum here is practical and students have to work on the field.

Meanwhile, engineering colleges affiliated to the Visvesvaraya Technological University are also facing a similar situation — the one-month break has been reduced to half, VTU Vice-Chancellor Karisiddappa told TNIE. The final-year students of Semester 7, have already begun with their internships, while the fifth semester students have started their break 10 days ago. This means, students of the first two years are the only ones on campus now. Also, the first semester classes are functioning in a blended mode — half the students attend classes online and come to campus on a rotational basis every week.

Festival of colours brings no cheer; avoid celebrations, advise docs

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

WITH Covid cases crossing 2,000 in the state on Wednesday, after a gap of over two months, doctors have cautioned people not to celebrate Holi, as large gatherings could lead to increased incidence of community transmission.

Recently, states like Maharashtra and Kerala witnessed a sudden spurt in cases. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar had also stated that with the second Covid wave coming, people should avoid large gatherings.

With Holi round the corner, Haryana and Delhi have banned Holi celebrations. However, Karnataka is yet to release guidelines on the same. Health experts say it is best if Holi parties and celebrations are not held, to avoid congregations.

Dr Brunda M S, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, said, "As we are already witnessing the second wave of Covid-19, we strongly advise people to avoid participating in Holi celebrations this year. A healthy person can also get infected through droplet infection. This can lead to increased incidence of community transmission and result in a surge in cases."

Dr Ravindra Mehta, senior consultant and HOD, Pulmonology and Interventional Pulmonology, Apollo Speciality Hospitals, informed that they are expecting the state government to come up with festival guidelines.

"Covid-19 protocols are bound to get violated at Holi events — masks will get wet and there will be no social distancing while playing with colours. While water may not have a role in spreading infection, it is all about the basic mechanism of how you play Holi — smearing colours on each other, touching each other's face – which violates every principle of masking and social distancing. However, family members can play Holi among themselves." he said.

Suggesting alternatives, Dr S N Aravinda, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital, said, "In case you do choose to play a little with Holi colours, opt for homemade, organic preparations. Look for colourful, festive-themed masks to wear on Holi. One can connect with friends over video calls and chats."

EXPRESS READ

Disrupted services on Purple Line to resume earlier than planned

Bengaluru: Metro services on the Purple Line between Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Metro station and Mysuru Road will resume services on Friday at 7 am. The operations, stopped since March 21, were originally scheduled to resume only on March 29. According to a release, services were curtailed on this section from March 21 to 28, for pre-commissioning of signalling works for the Phase-II from Mysuru Road and Kengeri. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

25th March: Just thinking about the mysteries of numerology, 12, the number of zodiac signs, is a magic number in most numerological systems, mainly because the Sun and Moon make 12 complete cycles in one year. In myths, the hero has 12 companions because it makes him seem like the Sun, a glorious, shining beacon of hope!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you make a point of listening to what others are saying, you'll do yourself a big favour. At all costs, don't imagine that those who disagree with you are out to do you down. They might just believe that they are entitled to their own point of view!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The combined role of magnetic Mars and disciplined Saturn has raised the profile at work, making it difficult for you to achieve your goals. The best results will be achieved by extra effort, rather than by waiting for others to do the job for you.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Venus' close relationship to your sign indicates you must come to terms with your emotional needs. Social plans may have to be re-thought, perhaps because your attitudes are changing, perhaps because someone you once admired no longer seems to fit the bill.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Continue to take your bearings personally and professionally, with an emphasis on all activities involving other people and your own desire for prestige. You may look to the past for your inspiration, trawling through your experiences for fond memories.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Life goes on in spite of the fact that you may have got the cold shoulder from people who were once warm and friendly. Try to understand the way they are feeling, and realise that they may need your sympathy. It's all a question of finding the right approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Do some mental stock-taking, mainly concerning money. What you should be looking at are those financial arrangements which connect you to other people, and reconsider any recent commitments. You might decide that it's time to back out!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Once you've tested the water, you might try laying down the law. Insist that others meet you on equal terms, resolving emotional problems through a spirit of compromise. Be prepared for other people to change their minds, perhaps going back to a former position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
A clash with someone with whom you have previously been hand-in-glove could be settled very soon. One way or another, you should realise that colleagues at work must be allowed to go their own way. After all, they have a perfect right to their point of view.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Potent planetary influences are forcing you to re-consider your position. By changing your mind now you could rediscover an earlier commitment, with favourable consequences. It's good to forgive, but not to forget if you don't want to repeat the mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Now you must be prepared for some kind of confrontation at home. Indeed, you should welcome a frank exchange of views which, if it takes place now, will save a great deal of trouble, perhaps in about eight weeks' time. There is still much to play for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
What appears to be upsetting now is the behaviour or attitudes of people who are lacking in feeling. Or is it just that they seem to be out of touch with their emotions, perhaps because of the practical strain they are under? If so, then be kind and considerate.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You must realise that when it comes to money, these are still early days. Time really does seem to be on your side, and you may be able to sit on the fence for as long as you think fit. Mind you, when the time comes to act, you must be as decisive as possible.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

CAN I BORROW YOUR SNOW BLOWER?
SURE, AS LONG AS YOU FILL IT WITH GAS.
CAN I BORROW YOUR TEENAGER?
YOU HAVE TO FILL HIM WITH FOOD.
AND MONEY.

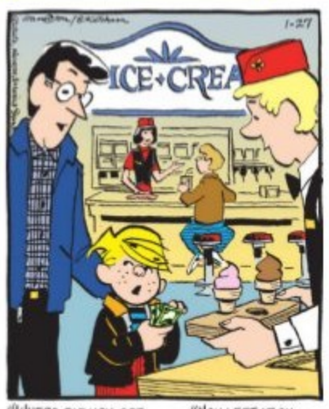
BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

DID ANYONE GET A NICE HOLIDAY BONUS THIS YEAR?
I GOT A GIFT CARD TO A SPORTING GOODS STORE
MY BOSS GAVE ME THEATER TICKETS!
I GOT AN ORNAMENT AND A FIST BUMP
WOW, THAT'S BETTER THAN LAST YEAR!
I KNOW!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE



SUDOKU

HARD: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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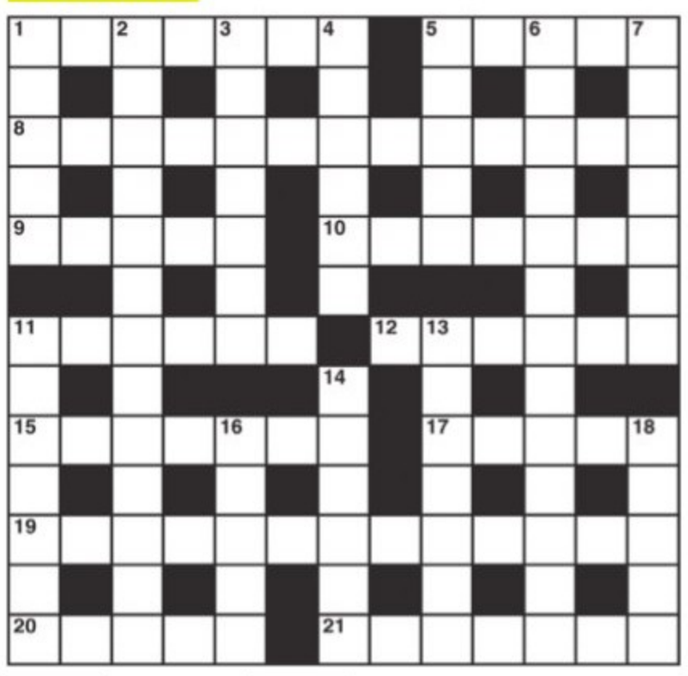

ACROSS

1 A female impersonator (7)
5 Plain clothes expert in Moslem law (5)
8 Perplexity produced by master barmen's concoction (13)
9 A buzzer that doesn't work (5)
10 A match for the devil (7)
11 He failed to turn the tide (6)
12 Raise with some relief (6)
15 A muscle that is unaffected by retraction (7)
17 It goes on record (5)
19 Marksmen who have meteoric careers? (8,5)
20 Give in return (5)
21 Layers welcome in the upper parts (7)

DOWN

1 Advanced to be a school principal (5)
2 It was a question of life or death to Hamlet (2,2,2,3,2,2)
3 Are moving home - it must be serious (7)
4 Fast string of horses (6)
5 The most noted of the arts (5)
6 Subject to no charges (4,4,5)
7 Confines one after another we hear (7)
11 Bob may be crusty about a point (7)
13 Aimless sort of girl (7)
14 Growing local office of a bank for example (6)
16 Carried drink to little Edward (5)
18 Goes over the ground where the knights used to fight (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Field, 8 Stealthy, 9 Fluke, 10 Bookcase, 11 Press, 12 Alb, 16 Acidly, 17 Ostler, 18 Rip, 23 Hatch, 24 Pullover, 25 Cigar, 26 Converge, 27 Agate.

Down: 2 Idle rich, 3 Lakeside, 4 Stroll, 5 Lacks, 6 Atlas, 7 Typed, 12 Ayr, 13 Bop, 14 Stealing, 15 Penchant, 19 Ice age, 20 Space, 21 Blunt, 22 Notes.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CLOBK
CTAANV
ACOLAN

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Whoa! I've got you! What's wrong?
The bank called. They took everything!
HE GOT WOOZY AFTER LEARNING ALL OF HIS SAVINGS HAD BEEN STOLEN AND ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print Your answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** UTTER SPICY COSTLY SKETCH
ANSWER: The locksmith considered customer satisfaction the – KEY TO SUCCESS

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar on Wednesday wrote to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, seeking grant-in-aid status to private Kannada medium schools -- 685 primary and 211 high schools -- established between 1995 and 2000.

Active cases: B'luru Urban 7th highest in India

In 10 days, cases almost doubled to 11,520

The government has stepped up testing of people arriving from other states, a crucial spot being Majestic Bus Terminal in Bengaluru | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

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BENGALURU Urban is among 10 districts across the country with the highest number of active Covid cases, according to national estimates announced in New Delhi on Wednesday.

With 10,766 Covid-19 patients under treatment, Bengaluru Urban ranks seventh in the country, with the remaining nine districts are in Maharashtra. Pune district had the highest number of active cases in the country at 43,590.

While the national estimates were based on Tuesday's figures, 1,398 cases reported in Bengaluru Urban on Wednesday pushed up the district's active cases tally to 11,520.

While the number of active cases had fallen below 4,000 in January from 66,854 as on October 11, 2020, the second wave has seen the number nearly doubling in less than 10 days: cases rose from 6,454 cases on March 15 to 11,520 as on March 24.

The recovery rate in Bengaluru Urban declined from 97.33% on March 15 to 96.18% on Wednesday.

Statewide, too, figures indicate that the second wave is only increasing in intensity. From having a single-day positivity rate of 0.58% on March 1, the positivity rate on March 23 climbed to 2.12%, as per the health bulletin released on Wednesday.

A steady increase in cases has been observed with 2,298 new Covid-19 patients added in a day to the state's tally of 9,75,955 cases, and the positivity rate is 4.72%. Twelve deaths reported on Wednesday took the toll to 12,461.

Of the 16,886 active cases in the state, 143 are high-risk patients admitted in ICUs.

Karnataka's recovery rate, which had been dismal at just 35.29% on July 20, 2020, had steadily risen to a much healthier 98% before the second wave kicked in, and has now dropped to 96.99%.

Enforceable rules under the notification

- **Weddings:** 500 people in open places, 200 in closed areas
- **Birthday parties/ other celebrations:** 100 persons in open places, 50 in closed areas
- **Death/funeral:** 100 people in open places, 50 in closed areas
- **Cremation/burial:** 50 people
- **Other functions:** 100 people
- **Religious events:** 500 people in open places
- **Political events:** 500 people in open places

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Compounding amount for violation of guidelines

- ₹5,000 for non air-conditioned party halls and departmental stores
- ₹10,000 for air conditioned party halls, departmental stores, branded shops (single and multi ple brands) and shopping malls.
- ₹10,000 for starred hotels (three stars and above), wedding or convention halls with a minimum capacity of 500 people or other similar public places
- ₹10,000 for organisers of public functions/gatherings/celebrations

Covid offences to be compounded, fines set

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THE State Government has modified its earlier rules to allow compounding of Covid-related violations on payment of fines, and placed the notification before the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday.

The notification, issued by Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, was placed before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj, during the hearing of a PIL filed by Letzkit Foundation seeking directions to the State Government to strictly implement Covid regulations on wearing of masks, social distancing, limits on the number of participants at gatherings, etc. The court directed the State to give publicity to the notification.

Issued under Section 10(4) of the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, the notification lists public servants or officers who are authorised to compound the fines. They include BBMP marshals, police officers not below the rank of head constable, health inspectors, bill collectors in urban local bodies, panchayat development officers and secretaries in gram panchayats.

The compounded penalty for mask and physical distance violations is Rs 250 in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and municipal corporation limits, and Rs 100 in other areas. The notification also says that the owners of venues and organisers or hosts should individually be held responsible.

'MORE GENOME SEQUENCING NECESSARY'

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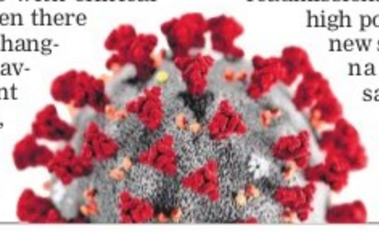
DR GIRIDHARA Babu, senior epidemiologist and member Technical Advisory Committee, had in February suspected that an increase in number of cases in Maharashtra was due to a new variant. He had said that preventing outbreaks in areas with higher proportion of susceptible persons is the most important step and, to do this, "timely declaration of the genomic sequencing results, and strict containment measures in adjoining areas, is necessary."

He had feared that the virus could spread to neighbouring states too. Now, the positivity rate in Karnataka has crossed 4% . "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. We are simply not doing enough sequencing. Hence, we are failing in understanding whether there is any new strain, whether it has high infectivity or not. More genome sequencing is important to prevent an outbreak," he had said.

Agreeing, Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, senior pulmonologist and Head, Department of Sleep Medicine, Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru, says, "There must be a surveillance method, a policy which can run in convergence with clinical experts. When there are drastic changes in the behaviour of patient symptoms, random samples must be sent for genome sequencing. Constant vigilance is needed. We have to understand that this virus will mutate and when strains are formed, then they can get dangerous and one needs to understand how the virus is behaving," he said.



He said that since October, doctors were observing cytokine storms in patients on the 13th day onwards while earlier, it used to be on the 8th and 10th day. This led to a lot of readmissions. "There is a high possibility of a new strain in Karnataka," he said.

However, it is a challenge to expand genome sequencing says, Dr Ravi. The procedure is expensive and the NIMHANS lab has little infrastructure. Cost varies between Rs 8,000 and Rs 10,000, depending on samples. If there are 10-12 samples, it can go up to Rs 20,000.

"INSCOG has not yet released funds for more sampling. We have been requesting for funds as well as people to do the sequencing," Dr Ravi said.

He said the NIMHANS lab is being managed with only one scientist and one scientific assistant. This process gets too laborious, he feels. However, INSCOG has apparently promised to release funds soon and provide one scientist and two scientific assistants.

LEGAL ACTION

After HC rap, police book Panchamasali rally organisers

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BENGALURU police have booked organisers of the Panchamasali rally in the city for violating Covid norms after the Karnataka High Court pulled up the state government for not setting criminal law into motion despite violations.

The state government placed before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj, a memo containing details of the FIR filed by Sadashivanagar police in response to directions issued during the hearing of a PIL filed by Letzkit Foundation.

The FIR, filed under provisions of the Disaster Management Act, lists former MLA Vijayananda Kashappanavar, who is president of the Akhila Bharata Lingayata Panchamasali Mahasabha, as the accused. It states that the accused and 80,000 people staged protests for certain causes without wearing masks, maintaining physical distance and not following sanitisation protocol in public spaces.

The Court said the investigation must be taken to its logical conclusion and investigation report must be submitted to the court in a sealed cover.

Meanwhile, advocate GR Mohan placed photographs before the court and drew its attention to functions, rallies, and crowds gathering during film promotion events. He also pointed out that Covid cases were on the rise in the city.

The Court ordered the State to ensure that penal action is initiated against violators.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **SRI. N. BALAKRISHNA**, S/o Late R. Nageshaiah, Aged about 82 years, Residing at No.43 A, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, CIL layout Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094, who has represented that the Schedule Property was bequeathed to him by his sister Late. N.Rukminamma vide Deed of Revocation of Previous Will with Fresh Will dated 01/03/2017 bearing Document No.GNR-3-00164/2016-17, in Book-3, stored in C.D No.GNRD127, in the Office of Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar, Bengaluru. Any person objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Fifteen days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants /objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No.265, PID No.57-41-265, situated at 10th B Cross, J.P Nagar, 1st Stage, (previously Sarakki 1st Phase, Division No.57) Bangalore- 560078 measuring East to West 30 feet (9.14 mts) and North to South 40 feet (12.19 mts) totally measuring 12.1950 sq. mts. (1200 sq.ft.) along with 700 Square Feet, RCC roofed building consisting of Ground Floor with all civic amenities and bounded by:-

East : Property bearing No.264, **West** : Property bearing No.266
North : Road & **South** : Property bearing No.278

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Kanakapura Branch** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **28.12.2017** calling upon the borrower **1) M/s SBS Silk Twisting Factory represented by Prop. Mrs. Gayathri B.** W/o Jagadeesh A.R. residing at Aralalu, T Bekuppe Post, Kanakapura-562117; **Guarantor Mr. Kumara B** S/o Mr. Bolashivane Gowda residing at No.45, Aralalusansdra, Thungani post, Kanakapura -562117 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs.16,02,760/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Only) as on **22.12.2017** within 60 days from the date of the said notice..

The Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules on this day of **24.03.2021**

The Borrowers/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.16,34,415/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen only) as on 20.03.2021 and interest/ other charges thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

(1) All that Piece and Parcel of the land and Building Bearing Property with K.No. 152900202801200015,Sy No. 16/16 Aralalu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 28 Feet and North to South 92 feet, totally Measuring 2576 Sq.Ft. and bounded on: East by : Property of Narasimhaiah West by : Property of Rachaiah, North by : Conservancy Galli, South by : Govt. Road.

(2) All that Piece and Parcel of the land and Building Bearing Property with K.No. 152900202801200015, Sy No. 25/24 Aralalu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 33 Feet and North to South 21 feet, totally Measuring 693 Sq.Ft. and bounded on: East by : Property of Anand, West by : Property of Basavaraju, North by: Govt. Road, South by: House Property of Parvathamma and Thara.

Date : 24.03.2021
Place : Kanakapura
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

LOOK OUT CIRCULAR

Rajan 64 Years, S/o Ramu, Kollara House, Kattoor Desom, Kattoor Village, Thrissur District, whose photograph is affixed above is missing from his house on 02.01.2020 at 07.30 Hrs. In this regard a case in Cr. 14/2020 U/S 57 KP Act Dt. 04.01.2020 is registered at Kattoor Police Station. If anybody gets any information about this person please inform to the nearest Police Station or to the telephone numbers furnished below.

IDENTIFICATION MARK:- Height - 5.3 Feet, Complexion:- Medium, Hair:- White & Black, Identification Mark:- A black mole on the arm of left hand.

0480 2877590 - Police Station, Kattoor, Thrissur Rural, Kerala
9497947203 - Inspector of Police, Kattoor PS Thrissur RL, Kerala
9497981247 - Dy. Supdt. of Police, DT. Crime Branch, Thrissur RL, Kerala
660/F2/2021/I&PRD

PUBLIC NOTICE

That our Client, intends to purchase the immovable 'Schedule Property' mentioned below from the Owners such as Mr.Chikkaveerabhadrappa, Smt.M.C.Vasundaramma, C.Vijaymaba, C. Vimalamba, C.Meenakumari, C. Vishalakshi & C. Rajeshwari, since from the date of acquisition of the Schedule Property the owners are in peaceful possession of the Schedule mentioned Properties.

And this is to inform the general public that we have been instructed by our client to investigate the title of the Owners over the Schedule Properties. Any person/s, firms, societies, institutions (corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to, the Schedule Properties and/or any part thereof, by way of sale, agreement, exchange, gift, grant, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/ settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, development rights, order / decree / judgment of any Court/Statutory Authority, agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever, to the Schedule Properties is required to intimate the same in writing together with true copies of all documentary proof in support thereof to the undersigned, at the address given below, within Fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim/s in, to or on the Schedule Property or any part thereof shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes and the same would not be binding on our Client and our Client will proceed ahead with the purchase of Schedule Properties hereunder.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

S.No. Survey Number, Extent & other particulars of the immovable Properties.

1. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/7 (Old Sy.No-3) measuring an extent of 2-00 Acres situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : Property Sy.No. 3/27, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/6, **South by:** Private Property.
2. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/10 (Old Sy.No-3) measuring an extent of 2-00 Acres situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli , Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : Property in Sy.No- 15/1, **West by:** Property in Sy.No- 3/6, **North by:** Property in Sy.No. 3/26, **South by:** Private Property & Property in Sy.No- 3/27.
3. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/13 (Old Sy.No-3) measuring an extent of 1-00 Acre, situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : Property bearing Sy.No. 3/26, **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/28 & 3/6, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/1, **South by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/10.
4. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/15 (Old Sy.No-3) measuring an extent of 2-00 Acres 18 Guntas excluding Kharab land of 02 Guntas situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli , Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : Property in Sy.No- 3/16, **West by:** Property in Sy.No- 3/14, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Property in Sy.No- 3/16 & 3/17.
5. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/20 (Old Sy.No-3) measuring an extent of 2-00 Acres situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : Private property, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 3/23, **North by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 3/16, 3/17, **South by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 3/21.
6. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 15/2 (Old No-15) measuring an extent of 2 Acres 29 Guntas situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by:** Private property, **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 15/1, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/22, 3/21, **South by:** Private property & property bearing Sy.No. 16.
7. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/19 (Old No-3) measuring an extent of 2 Acres situated at Palya Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : property bearing Sy.No. 3/23, **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/25, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/8, 3/18 **South by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/24.
8. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/23 (Old No-3) measuring an extent of 1 Acre 20 Guntas situated at Palya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : property bearing Sy.No. 3/20 & 3/21 **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/24, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/19, **South by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/22.
9. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/24 (Old No-3) measuring an extent of 2 Acres 20 Guntas situated at Palya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : property bearing Sy.No. 3/23, **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/25, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/19, **South by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/26.
10. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No- 3/26 (Old No-3) measuring an extent of 2-00 Acres situated at Palya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : property bearing Sy.No. 3/22 **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/13, **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/24 & 3/25 **South by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 3/10.
11. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.16 measuring an extent of 0-30 Guntas situated at Palya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the; **East by** : Private Property, **West by:** Private Property& Remaining Portion in the Sy.No-16 **North by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 15/2, **South by:** Private Property.

Dated 24th day of March 2021.

Sd/- **JP & JP Law Firm,**
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The National Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **27.05.2019** calling upon the borrower **Sri. Nagaraju K** and the Co-obligant **Smt. Shobha N,** residing at No 126, Chokkahalli, Chintamani Road, Hoskote Industrial Area, Hoskote-562114, Bangalore Rural, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.63,97,658/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight Only) with interest from **01.05.2019** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower and the co-obligant having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-obligant and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **24th day of March the year 2021.**

The borrower and the co-obligant in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.63,97,658/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight Only) with interest from **01.05.2019** and other charges.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy No.1, Khatha No.150300401200100383, Chokkahalli Village, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural, measuring East To West 60 feet and North To South 30 feet totally measuring 1800 Sq Ft there on and bounded on: East By:Venkatacharalu's Property, West by: Thimmaiah's Property, North by: Narasimhappa's Property, South by: Road.

Date: 24.03.2021
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Op Bank Ltd.,

LOST

I, **Madhusudhan,** S/o, Krishnappa, aged 33yrs, R/a, Narayana Iyyangar Layout, Ward No.4, Anekal Town, Bengaluru, have Lost my Original Sale Deed, vide bearing No: **BNG(U) ANKL/2088/98-99,** dated:02/02/2006, Khata No: 342/1183/23, of Site No.23, Located at Guruji Layout. Have Lodged the Complaint at Anekal Police Station bearing GSC No.**PO1330210600159,** Dated:23/03/2021.
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Essential Qualifications :
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The Supreme Court has lauded the Karnataka judiciary for resolving a record number of 3,093 partition suits (property disputes) on a single day, at the mega Lok Adalat held at the end of last year

Amid Cong ruckus over CD, House passes Finance Bill sans debate

Treasury not Akshayapatra, says BSY, defending move to borrow; Total liabilities pegged at 26.9% of GSDP, but CM says govt will try to keep it under 25%

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

AMID continuous sloganeering and protests over the CD-gate row by Congress, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday presented the government's response to the budget debate.

The Assembly even passed the Finance Bill without clarification, supplementation or critique of the government's response with Congress MLAs shouting slogans against the government in the well of the House. Vehemently defending his budget for 2021-22 -- the first revenue deficit budget since Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2002 -- Yediyurappa said the Opposition's description of it being anti-poor and ruining the state's financial prudence was "insensitive and misleading".

"Had the Leader of Opposition been sensitive to the desperate measures we had to take due to desperate times caused by Covid-19, he would have appreciated this budget," Yediyurappa said.

In his hour-long speech, Yediyurappa refused to give in to the Congress' protest and ended his speech condemning the party for disrupting the all-important budget session. "When we were ravaged by a pandemic and natural calamities like incessant floods, how do we take up developmental activities without loans? We haven't raised loans for extravagance or banquets. Loans have been raised to help the economy and people. Neither is the government armed with a magic wand to provide relief during a pandemic that nobody anticipated nor is the treasury some Akshayapatra as everyone is aware," Yediyurappa thundered.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa speaks at the Assembly in Bengaluru on Wednesday

Even as Congress protest drowned his voice, Yediyurappa gave a breakup of Karnataka's finances as compared to neighbouring states and the need for additional borrowing, while maintaining that all his previous budgets have been revenue surplus. "We have received Rs 3,905 crore less than estimated from state's own taxes and Rs 4,318 crore less from Central taxes in 2020-21. The 15th Finance Commission has cut down our share in Central funds to 3.64 per cent as against 4.71 per cent given by the previous Finance Commission and that will cause a loss of revenue," he said.

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> BS Yediyurappa. Chief Minister

Defending his ministers who approached court to seek gag orders, Yediyurappa said that legal experts, like Justice Santosh Hegde and B V Acharya, opined that the ministers are within their right to seek legal recourse and the Opposition had unnecessarily stalled the Assembly over it.

"I end my speech condemning your protest that has wasted the House's time and snatched an opportunity from MLAs to discuss the budget," he said.

CM cites 3 *TNIE* reports to defend his budget

While defending his budget, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa cited three reports from *The New Indian Express* along with other publications. He used TNIE's reports decoding the budget - "BSY walks a fine line with budget 2021-2022", "A balanced budget in times of distress: BSY", "Women activists give thumbs up to state budget"- to convey to the Opposition that the budget has been appreciated. "But whatever criticisms have been made in the press will also be considered and we will work towards taking corrective measures," Yediyurappa said.

Amendment to KTPP Act passed

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa tabled a Bill to amend the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and it was passed in the Assembly amid ruckus and without discussion. The new Act exempts Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd (KRIDL) from regulations for all works below Rs 2 crore in rural or urban areas as long as it executes the work. The amendment allows KRIDL to sub-let works, but only as per the tender process allowed by the original Act. Also, any government department can delegate work to KRIDL.

IN THE COUNCIL

Toll collection unscientific: MLCs

MLCs said unscientific toll collection is inconveniencing the public. BJP MLC Mahantesh Kavatagimath raised the issue during question hour on Wednesday, and said toll was being levied on Ranganahalli-Belagavi Road since 2007, and asked how many more years it would be levied. DyCM Govind Karjol said toll was collected based on project cost. On state highways, FASTag will be introduced in phases.

Excess land to be returned to farmers

Housing Minister V Somanna said additional land acquired for housing projects will be returned to farmers. Replying to a question, Somanna said 800 acres were acquired for a residential project in Kottatthi hobli, Mandya. "A survey found that 200 acres were enough for the project. Hence, the additional 600 acres will be returned to farmers. Arrangements will be made to give papers to the farmers soon," he added.

Housing projects in G+3 floor plan

Housing Minister V Somanna said 56,000 flats for the economically weaker sections will be built in line with the 'Ground+3' plan. Replying to a question by Congress MLC PR Ramesh, Somanna said the project to build 1 lakh EWS houses in Bengaluru, was announced in 2017. "Each house will get one parking space and other facilities will be provided," he said.

Encroached land to be sold

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that small chunks of encroached government lands will be sold to neighbouring land owners. Replying to a question, he said there were many small pieces of land measuring a few guntas, amid private lands. "They don't even have an approach route, so the government is contemplating selling such land to owners of neighbouring lands," he said, adding that the recovered encroached lands were encroached after a month or so.

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON...

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah interacts with fellow MLAs during a lunch at his official residence in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Congress legislators protest in the Well of the Assembly on Wednesday

Key pieces of legislation rushed through

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

AMID ruckus by Congress demanding the resignation of ministers in the Yediyurappa Cabinet over the CD-gate controversy, the Assembly on Wednesday passed key finance-related bills, like an amendment to the Fiscal Responsibility Act, Finance Bill, appropriation bills and supplementary budget.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri first appealed to the protesting members to allow discussion and ensure passage of bills, but bulldozed through the House proceedings despite protests.

In line with the amendment brought to the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2002, the Bill passed in the House on Wednesday increases the cap on the fiscal deficit to 4% of GSDP instead of 3%. The Bill also amended sections of the Act that mandate a revenue surplus financial year and a cap of 25% on total liabilities at the end of a fiscal year.

"Although we have allowed ourselves to borrow more, attempts will be made to keep loans minimal and only if a need arises. We will try to keep total liabilities under 25% of GSDP," Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa told the Assembly. The budget has estimated a fiscal deficit of ₹59,240 crore at 3.48% of GSDP, a revenue deficit of ₹15,134 crore and total liabilities of ₹4,57,899 crore at 26.9% of GSDP for 2021-22. Borrowing is pegged at ₹71,332 crore.

The Assembly also passed supplementary estimates and two appropriation bills to allow spending for the rest of the current fiscal and 2021-22.

Yediyurappa tabled a motion for demands of supplementary estimates, in which ₹8,751.36 crore from revenue account and ₹4,772.06 crore from capital account to 25 departments, including agriculture, energy, revenue, health and family welfare etc have been sought. An appropriation bill for ₹13,158.25 crore for payments and expenditure till March 31, 2021 and another one to withdraw ₹2,52,391.97 crore from consolidated funds of the State were also passed.

CD-gate: Cong refuses to give in, Council adjourned sine die

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE CD-gate controversy rocked the Council on Wednesday with Congress members staging a protest in the well of the House, demanding a discussion on the issue.

Amid their protest, several bills were passed and the House was adjourned sine die. As Congress MLC C M Ibrahim was speaking, two women members walked out of the hall, objecting to the words he used.

Soon after the Question Hour and Calling Attention Motion, Chairman Basavaraj Horatti called for a discussion on the budget. But Leader of Opposition S R Patil demanded a debate on the CD row. He said, "We have already given a notice and you had said you would allow a discussion. But it has been two days and it is an important issue. It is also about the morality of the government. You should drop all other proceedings and allow a discussion on the matter," he said. Horatti, however, said that the discussion on the budget was already listed in the day's agenda and a debate on the CD row will be allowed only after other listed proceedings are over.

Floor leader Kota Srinivas Poojari said there is no need to discuss the CD row, but the government is ready to face questions, as it was listed in the day's business.

Not pleased with the reply, Congress MLCs entered the well of the House shouting slogans against the government. BJP members too indulged in sloganeering against the Congress and a commotion ensued. The House was adjourned for 10 minutes. When the House reconvened, Congress continued its protest. JDS members said both the national parties are wasting the time when several important issues needed to be discussed. Amid the din, CM BS Yediyurappa proposed several Bills, and they were passed, after which the House was adjourned for lunch.

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> S R Patil, Leader of Opposition in Council

When the House met again, Congress MLCs, who were holding CDs symbolically, continued their protest. Ibrahim said party members wanted to know the contents of the CD. "The CM said the government had no idea about the CDs. Why did six ministers go to court seeking an injunction? Chairman should tell us what is there in the CD," he demanded. Among the three women members, BJP's Tejaswini Gowda and Bharati Shetty, walked out objecting to the words used by him.

While JDS members were absent, Congress and BJP MLCs continued to shout slogans. Amid the din, Horatti adjourned the House sine die.

Congress MLCs displaying CDs protest in the Council on Wednesday

Will approach court, seek inquiry: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CONGRESS is now planning to approach court, demanding an inquiry into the CD-gate issue and six BJP ministers getting an injunction from court against publishing any incriminating reports against them, said Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah on Wednesday, adding that the party is consulting legal experts.

He termed Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar's statement that none of the 225 members in the House are saints as irresponsible.

"This unnecessarily colours all the 225 members as black sheep. There are women MLAs too... Does it not insult them? If Sudhakar is making such a statement, it means there is a CD on him too, and he is scared. It also means that even Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is not clean. This statement is a breach of privilege of the House," Siddaramaiah added.

He said that this year's budget shows committed expenditure at 102%, which means the government has to borrow again to pay the salaries of its employees. "Why none of the elected representatives, including the chief minister, ministers and all 25 MPs elected from Karnataka, have the courage to demand the state's share? On average, ₹2.5 lakh crore is paid to the Centre in various taxes. But in return, we get ₹34,000 crore," he pointed out.

He said that when he was chief minister, committed expenditure was between 74 and 78%. "Why doesn't the government focus on reducing committed expenditure? Yediyurappa is only announcing new boards and corporations and allotting money to them, but not focusing on development. He did not reply to our questions, but only read out a 24-page answer," he added.

Sudhakar sorry after 'Harishchandra' comment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Health Minister **Dr K Sudhakar** asking all the 225 MLAs to go through 'agnipariksha' (trial by fire) to prove their marital fidelity kicked up a storm in the House on Wednesday. Leaders of all parties expressed disgust over the comment, and the issue ended with Sudhakar issuing an apology after CM B S Yediyurappa summoned and gave the minister a piece of his mind.

Congress filed a complaint with the Speaker and CM.

Sudhakar had been under pressure with Congress members refusing to ask him questions in the legislature as he had approached court along with five cabinet colleagues seeking relief from any 'slanderous' material being published against him, after the CD involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi was aired.

Sudhakar taunted opposition leaders Siddaramaiah, H D Kumaraswamy and D K Shivakumar, asking if they were Satya Harishchandras. "All those claiming to be 'ekapatni vruthasthas' (men faithful to their wife) should take the agnipariksha to prove they have not had any illicit relationships or extramarital affairs. Even former CMs should be probed," he added.

Shivakumar said, "I have only one wife and only one family." Kumaraswamy retorted, "This would not have happened if they had been morally right. I had slipped once in my life and I have admitted this before the House."

As it started snowballing, the CM summoned Sudhakar. After the meeting, the minister said, "Some leaders are deliberately trying to defame us and destroy our careers. My words were a reflection of the pain and anguish we are facing over the last few days. I request everyone that my statement should be read in this context and not literally. I have a huge respect for the House and legislators. My words against the prejudiced statements of opposition leaders have been blown out of proportion. It was a response to those who were trying to defame 17 of us and was not intended to hurt all legislators. I regret if my statement has hurt anyone."

Tikait booked for 'B'luru siege' remark

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

THE local police have registered a case against Bharatiya Kisan Union leader **Rakesh Tikait** for asking farmers to lay siege to Bengaluru, during a Mahapanchayat at Shivamogga on March 20.

In the suo motu case against Tikait, the Kote police from the town stated that he "wantonly provoked (farmers) with an intent to cause riots."

Tikait tweeted in Hindi saying that he is not scared of such cases and will withdraw the agitation only after the three new farm laws are repealed.

Tikait's speech "incited people to cause violence on the lines of Delhi recently. Though he was aware that the people may indulge in violence, he deliberately spoke in a way that may incite the people." The police have slapped Section 153 of the IPC against Tikait.

Condemning the case against Tikait, Karnataka Rajya Raita Sangha leader K T Gangadhar said, "By registering such cases, it is hiding its faults. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai's father S R Bommai was an activist, who took part in the JP movement. But his son is now getting cases registered against an activist. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa too was an activist, and the then Congress government had filed cases against him. We know how to face these challenges. This will motivate us and not weaken us."

Drop case against leader, says Chukki

KRRS leader Chukki Nanjundaswamy, daughter of late farmer leader MD Nanjundaswamy, has written to Home Minister Basavraj Bommai, asking him to drop a case filed against Rakesh Tikait by Shivamogga police. "The case by the police robs a person of the right to freedom of speech and expression and should be withdrawn," she said.

IN THE EYE OF THE TIGER

High drama unfolds in Dammanakatte range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve with a tiger in a hot pursuit of a wild boar | UDAYSHANKAR S

KARNATAKA JUDICIARY GETS APEX COURT PAT

Lok Adalat settled record number of property disputes in Dec last year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Supreme Court has lauded the Karnataka judiciary for resolving a record number of partition suits (property disputes) on a single day, at the mega Lok Adalat held at the end of last year.

Briefing the media on Wednesday on the upcoming mega Lok Adalat to be held on Saturday, Justice Aravind Kumar, Executive Chairman, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), said, "When we met recently, Chief Justice of India S R Bobde appreciated KSLSA for resolving a record number of 3,093 partition suits out of 2.63 lakh cases, settled at the one-day mega Lok Adalat on December 19, 2020. Normally, on an average, 20 to 25 property dispute cases are settled during a single Lok Adalat, with a maximum of 42."

Justice Kumar, who is also a judge of the Karnataka High Court, noted that around 60,000 property dispute cases are pending in the state, and said they are making all efforts to increase the settlement of partition suits in Lok Adalats. "By resolving 2.63 lakh cases at the Lok Adalat in December last year, we saved Rs 144.77 crore, which would otherwise have to be spent towards salaries of judges and staffers, as well as other incidental expenses, if those cases were tried in court. Karnataka is the first state in the country to achieve this," the judge said.

He also said that they have contributed Rs 41.59 crore to the state exchequer through collection of penalties and compounding of fines among others, by settling compoundable cases at the Lok Adalat, that too during the pandemic. "In fact, if those cases are tried in court, it would take five-six years to get that much revenue," Justice Kumar pointed out.

Giving an example of the burden on the state government, Justice Kumar said the state now has to pay Rs 23 lakh to a land owner for acquiring 23 guntas of land in 1993, for which Rs 83,000 was awarded earlier. Due to disputes, the state has to pay over Rs 2,000 crore to land owners in such cases. After identifying such cases and apprising the state on the matter, the government has already released Rs 1,200 crore to settle the claims in the ensuing Lok Adalat, he said.

Meanwhile, former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde will inaugurate the mega Lok Adalat on Saturday.

HC orders transfer of 56 UAPA cases to special court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday ordered transfer of 56 cases, pending before two Special Courts in Bengaluru Urban district, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, to the designated Special Court. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while disposing of a PIL filed by A Vaseemuddin, a resident of Jayanagar, drawing the attention of the court to the delay in the trial of those cases, and violation of rights of the accused.

The court observed that all criminal cases, wherein the accused are in judicial custody, should be disposed of expeditiously, considering the rights of the accused under Article 21 of the Constitution. However, a few cases are being investigated by the NIA. According to the NIA Act, the Special Court should hold trial on a day-to-day basis on all working days, the court said.

IN THE HC

It noted that due to the pandemic, some members of the Bar are unable to attend court regularly, and police machinery is also under pressure. Because of the lockdown, pendency of cases has increased in all courts.

In Bengaluru, adequate public prosecutors are not available. "In a PIL, we have issued directions to fill vacant posts of public prosecutors. Therefore, it is not possible for us to issue directions fixing outer limits for disposal of cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act... Presiding Officers are aware of the provisions of the NIA Act," the court added.

The court also directed the Registrar General to ensure that appropriate steps are taken for the transfer of those cases to the designated court. The Judicial Registrar should supply a copy of this order to judicial officers of the City Civil and Sessions Court, it said.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (C.H.-21)
O.S.NO.25486/2018

Between :
Punjab National Bank, ...PLAINTIFF
AND
M/s. Chandan Fashions ...DEFENDANT.

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
M/s. Chandan Fashions, No.269, 3rd Main Road, Sudhamnagar, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560075. Rep. by its Proprietrix P.Lilly

Whereas, the Plaintiff Bank has instituted the suit against you, for the recovery of **Rs.3,86,736.00** with costs and interests. Hence, you are hereby warned to appear before this Court on **8.4.2021**, at 11 a.m, either in person or through an Advocate duly instructed to answer all material claims, failing which the matter will be heard in your absence placing you EX-PARTE.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on this the **8th day of March, 2021.**

By Order of Court, Sd/-, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court Mayo Hall, Bangalore.

Advocates for Plaintiff Mr. K.N.Srikanta Dutta, Mr. A.C. Thomasappa. Advocates, No.19, 1st F Main, 8th Cross, J.S Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru - 560096.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that my client has agreed to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner **SRI PRAHLAD PODAR**, S/o Late Govind Kumar Podar @ G.K.Podar, Age about 42 years, R/at No 7, 1st Main, 7th Cross, AECS Layout, Nagasettihalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560 094, the same having been acquired by him along with his Father Govind Kumar Podar and his Mother Smt. Vidyadevi Podar have jointly purchased the schedule Property from 1. Sri. Anil Paul Kariath and 2. Smt. Rose Kariath which is registered as Document No. BLN-1-8699-2006-07 of Book-1, stored in CD No. BLND 265 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore dated 10.05.2006, after the death of his parents, the brother and sisters have executed the release deeds, in his favour, accordingly he become the absolute owner of the schedule property.

Any person/s have any right/ title / interest claims over the schedule property or any portion thereof in any manner may lodge his/her/their claim/ objections in writing to the undersigned within ten days hereof along with copies of all the documents being relied upon, as otherwise my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims / objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing "Corporation Site No.19, (Old Khaneshumari No. 424), formed out Sy.No.70/1, Nagashettihalli, BBMP old Ward No. 100, New No.19, PID No.100-32-19, situated at Nagashettihalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West: 34 Feet and North to South: 60 Feet, in all measuring 2040 Sq. Ft, along with 10 (Ten) squares RCC roofed with granite flooring house in the Ground Floor and 10 (Ten) squares RCC roofed with granite flooring house in the First Floor, with teak wood used for Doors & windows, with all civic amenities, and bounded on the East by: Site No. 20, West by: Property of Amit Chatterjee & Arpita Chatterjee, North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: Site No. 14.

Sri. V. SUBBA REDDY, Advocate, No.132/2, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, RMV II Stage, Bangalore-560 094. M: 9448847322

IN THE DEBTS RECOVRY TRIBUNAL-1 FOR KARNATAKA
First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building,No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.
O.A.No.67/2019

BETWEEN
State Bank of India ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Vivek Ramadas & others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 63,84,676/-(Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six Only)** as on 21/01/2019 together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause with in 30 days from the date of publication of this summons, or on the **24.05.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **17th day of March 2021.**

Sd/- Signature of the Assistant Registrar DRT-1 Authorized to issue Summons

1. Mr. Mr. Vivek Ramdas, S/o. Mr. Ramdas
2. Mrs Parvathy Balabhaskaran, W/o. Mr Vivek Rama Das, Both 1 & 2 are residing at: No.170, 12th Main, Sector 5, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102.
3. M/s. Prabhavathi Builders and Developers Pvt Ltd., No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVRY TRIBUNAL-1 FOR KARNATAKA
First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.
O.A.No.213/2019

BETWEEN
State Bank of India ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Pranab Paul & another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 61,48,843/-(Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Forty Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause with in 30 days from the date of publication of this summons, or on the **31.05.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **17th day of March 2021.**

Sd/- Signature of the Assistant Registrar DRT-1 Authorized to issue Summons

The Defendants
1. Mr.Pranab Paul, S/o. Late Pushpendu Paul, Q-703, Rohan Jharoka, Kempapura, Yemalur Post, Bengaluru-560037.
3. M/s. Prabhavathi Builders and Developers Pvt Ltd., No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVRY TRIBUNAL-1 FOR KARNATAKA
First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.
O.A.No.987/2019

BETWEEN
State Bank of India ...Applicant
AND
M/s. Iodine India Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 38,12,673/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Three Only)** as on 24/04/2019 together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause with in 30 days from the date of publication of this summons, or on the **14.06.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **17th day of March 2021.**

Sd/- Signature of the Assistant Registrar DRT-1 Authorized to issue Summons

To,
The Defendant No.1
M/s Iodine India Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd., No.121/21, Kumbalagodu Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Behind KEB Power Station, Bangalore-560074.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU
4, Hayes Road, Richmond Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025
O.A. No. 1666/2018

Between:
Canara Bank, RBD Layout Branch, Bengaluru ...Applicant
And:
M/s. Vinay Concrete Blocks and others ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(8) OF THE D.R.T. (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

To:
1. M/s. Vinay Concrete Blocks No. 34, Muneshwara Layout, Chikkanayakanahalli,Bengaluru – 560035, represented by its proprietor Sri.Yellappa.
2. Sri. Yellappa, S/o. Sri. Thippanna, Residing at No. 34, Muneshwara Layout, Chikkanayakanahalli, Bengaluru – 560035
3. Sri. Hariprasad R., S/o. Sri. Rama Naik No.1202, 'Nilaya', O.M. Road, Avalahalli, Bengaluru

Whereas the above-named applicant has instituted an application under Sec. 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendants are hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or an authorized agent duly instructed to show cause ***within 30 days*** from the date of this publication or **on 28-04-2021 at 10.30 A.M** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on 27-11-2020.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 37 A.C.M.M. AT BENGALURU
C. MIS. NO. 1042/2021

BETWEEN: Mrs. Mary Veena G and another **..Petitioners**
AND: The Registrar of Birth & Death **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners have filed this petition under section 13(3) of the birth and deaths act 1969

Mrs. Mary Veena G. W/o S. Anthony Sagayaraj aged about 46 years, R/A#4/2, B Type, Robenstson Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560045, said her son named Rohit Anthony W/o Anthony Sagayaraj and Mary Veena G. died on 15-05-2016 at the time she / her family members have not applied for death certificate. As per the procedure she filed a Cril. Misc. 1042/2021, case before the Hon'ble 37A.C.M.M. at Bengaluru and hearing date is on 17/04/2021, anybody interest, please come and appear.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 24 day of 03 2021

By Order Of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
XXXVII Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Bengaluru City

Advocate for petitioner
Shankarappa G. B
Bengaluru Date: 24/3/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mrs. BINCY JACOB,** W/o. Mr. P.J. Jacob and **Mr. P.J. JACOB,** S/o. Mr. P.C. Joseph, both are residing at No. 46, 5th Cross, Balaji Krupa Layout, Hegde Nagar, Dr. Shivaramakaranth Nagar, Bangalore-560077, have lost the Registered Sale Deed dated: 09/08/2006, document No. KRI-1-15587/2006-07, Book-1, Stored in CD No. KRID240, before the sub registrar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore, executed by Mr. R. Mohan, S/o. Late. Ramegowda infavour of Mrs. K.N. Anitha, D/o. Mr. P. Nanjundegowda, pertaining to the Western portion of Site No. 51, Khatha No. 438, Assessment No. 33/1, New Khatha No. 788, Situated at Doddagubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West: 33 feet and North to South: 38 feet, totally 1254 Sq.ft., and bounded on East by: Eastern portion of same site No. 51, West by: Private Property, North by: Site No. 50, South by: Road, if any person finds the same may deliver to the undersigned within seven days from the date of this publication.

K. AJAYAKUMAR, Advocate,
AJAY & ASSOCIATES,
18, 1st Floor, Thimmaiah Garden, Devegowda Road, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032.
Ph. (0) 23335132 and 8048506640, Mob. 9880140512

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is intended to purchase the residential apartment/flat No.F-1 in the First Floor, **SLV GARDEN** and which property is more fully detailed in the schedule hereunder from **SMT. REKHA RANI J.E.,** W/o. Sri. Ashok Kumar.K, for valuable consideration. And if any person/s having any claims/objections to the aforesaid transaction may send the same in writing to the undersigned within **10 days** from today. If no objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that there is no objection for the transaction and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No.2/1, New Municipal No.2/1, PID No.38-12-2/1, carved out of Sy. Nos. 90/2, Old No.90 of Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now called 2nd Main Road, Coconut Garden, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, measuring East to West towards North side: 71' feet, towards South side: 7.3' feet and North to South towards East side 81' feet, towards Western side 84' feet, in all measuring 5971 Square Feet and bounded by the following- East by: Road, West by: Private property, North by: Private property, South by: Private property

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

An undivided share, right, title interest in the land equivalent to 280' Sq.ft. in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

Residential Apartment/Flat No.F-1 in the First Floor on the South-East side in the apartment building known as 'SLV GARDEN' constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, vide PID No.38-12-FF-01-2/1-5, having a super built up area of 1100 Square feet, comprising of Two Bed Rooms, Kitchen, Dining, Pooja Room, Bath Rooms, having R.C.C. Roofed, Vitrified Flooring with Teak wood Main Door with the right to use the Car and one 2 wheeler Parking space in Basement Floor with undivided right, right & title in all common areas in the apartment buildings.

Sd/- H.T.Nataraja, Advocate,
113, 1st floor, Inspirations Art Framing Gallery Building, 2nd Main, Seshadhripuram, Bangalore-560 020. Phone No. 9845012696.
Bangalore: Date: 24-03-2021

IN THE COURT OF THE XIII CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl.Misc. No. 338 OF 2021

Between: 1) Sri K.V. Sathya Prakash, aged 58 years S/o. Late Sri K.V. Venkoba Rao, No. 1464, 1st 'C' Cross, 7th Main, R.P.C. Layout, Vijayanagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560040.
2) Sri K.V. Srinivas Murty, aged about 55 years, S/o Late Sri K.V. Venkoba Rao, Residing in the above address
3) Smt. K.V. Prabhavathi, Aged about 60 years, D/o Late Sri K.V. Venkoba Rao, W/o Sri S.N. Chandrashekara, No. 1343, 2nd Floor, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Behind Vinayaka Hospital, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560040.
4) Smt. K.V. Sujatha, aged about 47 years, D/o Late Sri K.V. Venkoba Rao, W/o Sri B.Chadrashekhar, No.2987, 13th 'A' Main, Attiguppe, R.P.C. Layout, Vijayanagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560040 **...Petitioners**

AND

1) Amrutha Sagara Elders Paradise Represented by Secretary Sri Govindaraju .T, No. 3668, Ullal Main Road, Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 6th Block, Near Oxford College, Bengaluru-560110.
2) M.S. Ramaiah Medical College and Hospital Head of the Department, Department of Anatomy, represented by Dr. Shylaja Shetty, M.S.R. Nagar, M. S. R. I. T. Post, Bengaluru-560054.
3) Sri Sathyanarayana A, Section Officer (DCCP) Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029 Mobile No. 9446883672
Residential Address: No.104/105, "Shivashakthi, 13th Main, A.G.S. Layout, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560061.
4) The Registrar, Birth and Death Dept., BBMP, Rajarajeswari Nagar Zonal Office, R.R.Nagar, Bengaluru-560070. **...Respondents**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners has filed the above petition against the respondents the Registrar of Birth and Death, Bengaluru to ISSUE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE of petitioners father by name K.V. VENKOBA RAO S/o Late K.R. Venkoba Rao who died on 01-01-2020 at Bengaluru.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may please appear this Court **on 27.04.2021** which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this day 23.03.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, XIII ACMM Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for petitioner: **Smt. VIDYA JAHAGIRDAR,** Advocate No.14/25, Vyanatheya Apt., 1st Main Road, 2nd Block, Thyagarajnagar, Bengaluru-560070. Mobile No. 9448832791

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the kind notice of the General Public that my clients **S. Saravanan, son of Sri. S Sankar,** aged about 43 years and **S. Priya,** Wife of Sri. S. Saravanan, aged about 31 years, both are permanent residents of No.12/32A, 3rd Cross, South Street, Anna Nagar, Karur, Tamilnadu, Pin-639 002 and presently at No.29, Saroja Nilayam, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 20th Main, T Block, Girinagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085 is negotiating with the owner **R Sathish Kumar**, Son of Sri. Ramachandrappa, aged about 38 years, residing at No.41/1, 9th Cross, Ittamadu Main Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore -560 085 for the purchase of the property No.14, Katha No.35, Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now coming within Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.183, Old Ward No.55, New Corporation No.41/1 (Old No.14/35), 9th Main, Ittamadu Main Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore- 560 085 for a valuable Sale consideration and if any person/s is having any objection for the said transaction please contact my client or his Advocate with documents ***within 7 days*** from the date of this publication or else the transaction will be concluded by getting the sale deed executed in favour of my client and the objections received later than 7 days will not be entertained. Which please note.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of **property bearing No.14, Katha No.35, Ittamadu Village,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now coming within Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.183, Old Ward No.55, New Corporation No.41/1 (Old No.14/35), 9th Main, Ittamadu Main Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore- 560 085, PID No.55-484-41/1 measuring **East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet** and bounded on:
East by: Others Property,
West by: Property bearing No.15,
North by: Property bearing No.13,
South by: Road.

Sd/-
S. N. Madhu, ***Advocate,***
No.94/1A, 2nd A Cross, 3rd Phase, 6th Block, 3rd Stage, BSK., Katriguppe, Near Ayappa Temple, Bangalore-560 085.
Mob: 9844313042.
Place: Bangalore Date: 24.03.2021

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
SANKARAMANGALAM, CHAVARA-691583, KOLLAM, KERALA,INDIA.
Phone : +91-476-2651215 to 2651217, Fax : +91-0476-2680101, 2686721
E-mail : contact@kmml.com, URL www.kmml.com

Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1.	2021_KMML_420836_1	Construction of WMM road parallel to barge furnace oil transfer lines laid with in KMML premises
2.	2021_KMML_420742_1	Design supply, Installation, testing & Commissioning of new clarifier mechanism with automatic flocculent dosing system at KMML TP unit

Chavara
25/03/2021
sd/- HOU(T)
For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd.

Our Products: **Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge**

Indian Overseas Bank
ISRO View Branch, No. 3274, 11th Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560008.
Ph. No.: 080-22950145/146/147 E-mail : iob1061@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under (Rule 8 (1)) of SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Whereas, the Undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstrunction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **08.10.2020** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Pawan Kumar and Mrs. M. Latha Preeti,** residing at No. 307/7, 23rd Cross, Near Yediyur Lake, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560082 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 2,46,82,567/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Six Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Seven Only)** with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. for account bearing number **106103464000022** till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1) The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **day 23rd of March year 2021.**

2) The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Overseas Bank, for an amount **Rs. 2,47,82,964/-** as on **21.03.2021** with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc. the borrower has repaid **Rs. 14,00,068/-** so far after issuance of Demand Notice dated 08.10.2020, however the account still remains NPA. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs. 2,47,82,964/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Four Only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of payment.

3) The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Door No. 16-225, 226, 227 and 228 in survey No. 195 and 199, Ward No. 16, Kothapete, Shanawaz Street, Kammapalle Village, Madanapalle Municipal Area, Madanapalle Mandal, Madanpalle Sub District, Chittoor Dist, Andhra Pradesh with total extent of the site 8892 sq.ft. with **Bounaries:** East by: Shanawaz Street, West by: Compound of Sri Rasool Khan North by: Lane, South by: Ramakrishna Street. **Measurements:** East to West on Northern Side: 76 ft. East to West on Southern Side: 95 ft. North to South on Eastern Side: 102 ft. North to South on Western Side 106 ft. **This property is in the name of Mr. Pawan Kumar and Mrs. M. Latha Preeti.**

Date : 23.03.2021 **Sd/-**
Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**

Note : Advertisement matter published in English will prevail in case of any discrepancy.

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, 2nd Floor, MESCOM Bhavana, Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangaluru - 575004. Ph: 0824-2885795 E-mail : sepmescom@rediffmail.com
CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. MESCOM-PROCOPURC/11/2021-PROC Date: 22.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture and Supply of the following material:

Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2020-21/ IND745/CALL -2	Protective Clothing with Protection against rain (Rain Wear) as per Technical Specifications	4,000 Nos

The interested eligible bidders may log on to : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **25.03.2021.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.) MESCOM, Mangaluru

For Power Related Complaint & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

RAILWAY CLAIMS TRIBUNAL BANGALORE BENCH

INDICATIVE NOTICE NO. B/RCT/ Stenographer /2021 Date: 19.03.2021
Indicative Advertisement for Engagement of Stenographer on Contractual/Outsourcing basis

Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT), Bangalore Bench invites applications from eligible candidates for the post of Stenographer through walk-in-interview. Applications complete in all respects should be submitted to this office before 17.00 hrs of 16.04.2021.

1	Number of Post	1 (One)
2	Nature of Post	Purely on Contractual/Outsourcing basis, engagement of person under this scheme will not constitute any offer of appointment in RCT or Railways.
3	Period	Not exceeding 11 months from the date of acceptance of the terms and conditions or till the post of Stenographer is filled by regular Railway staff from Zonal Railways, whichever is earlier.
4	Remuneration	Rs.25,000/- Plus DA per month, to the outsourced Stenographer.
5	Qualification & Experience	Intermediate pass or equivalent examination from a recognized Board/University with proficiency in stenography with speed of 80 wpm in English.

Candidates are advised to download the application from the websites www.rct.indianrail.gov.in / www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in or contact the office in the following address for application format, terms and conditions and other details: Railway Claims Tribunal, I Floor, Cantonment Railway Station, Bangalore- 560046 , Ph. No. 080-29530374.

Additional Registrar, Railway Claims Tribunal, Bangalore Bench.

PUB/147/AASP/PRB/SWR/2020-21

SARASWAT CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED.
ZONE - IX, 1st Floor, Sogo Properties, 100 Feet Road, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560 034. Ph : 4093 3173 / 174.

POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1))

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of Saraswat Co-Operative Bank Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice dated 23.10.2020 calling upon the Borrower **Mr. Sandeep Srinivas,** and **Mrs. Shruthi Sandeep (Guarantor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.69,62,634.00 (Rupees: Sixty Nine Lacs Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four only)** in **A/c No. ODPUB-79** and **Rs.5,03,729.00 (Rupees: Five Lacs Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine only)** in **A/c No. FITLOD-01** together with applicable rate of interest, incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc. as on **30.09.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/co-borrower and guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with **rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002** on this 17.02.2021.

The borrower/co-borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banashankari (325) Branch, Bangalore for total outstanding amount of **Rs.69,62,634=00** in A/c No. **ODPUB-79 and Rs.5,03,729.00** in A/c **No. FITLOD-01** as on **30/09/2020** with further interest and charges thereon.

In view of this Possession Notice, the earlier Possession Notice, dated 24.12.2020 issued to the borrower/co-borrower and guarantor stands withdrawn.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Property

MAIN SECURITY : All the piece and parcel of Property bearing No.3902, Present BBMP Khata No.3902, Dhobighat , BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 085, measuring East to West:7.60mtrs, and North to South: 6.10mtrs, in all measuring 46.36sq.mtrs, alongwith Building/s constructed/ to be constructed thereon, within the jurisdiction of Jayanagar Registration Dist. Bangalore and bounded on the : East by: Road, West by: Property No.3885, North by: Property No. 3901, South by: Property No. 3903.

Date : 17th February 2021 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place : Bengaluru **Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

छत्तीसगढ स्टेट सिविल सप्लाईज कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
मुख्यालय, ब्लॉक नं. 7/ए, द्वितीय तल, सेक्टर-24, ऑफिस काम्प्लेक्स, अटल नगर, रायपुर
Email id : nanheadoffice@gmail.com

क्र./चावल विक्रय/द्वितीय ई-निविदा/2020-21/474 रायपुर, दिनाक 24.03.2021

खरीफ विपणन वर्ष 2020-21 में उपार्जित चावल के विक्रय हेतु द्वितीय अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, खाद्य विभाग द्वारा निविदा के माध्यम से चावल विक्रय हेतु दिये गये आदेश के अनुसार छत्तीसगढ़ स्टेट सिविल सप्लाईज कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड द्वारा खरीफ विपणन वर्ष 2020–21 के उपार्जित चावल में से 5.60 लाख मे. टन चावल को निविदा के माध्यम से विक्रय किया जाना है। जिसके लिए द्वितीय अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की गई है। विवरण निम्नानुसार है:–

E-Tender Schedule

Seq. No.	NAN	Start Date	Start Time
1.	Bid Start Date	25.03.2021	11.00 AM
2.	Bid due date	12.04.2021	05.00 PM
3.	Bid open date from	13.04.2021	11.00 AM

निविदा की समस्त जानकारी, जिसमें जिले का नाम, चावल की मात्रा, निविदा भरने की शर्तें एवं नियम निविदा प्रपत्र में उल्लेखित हैं जो https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in एवं राज्य सरकार के वेबसाइड https://www.cgstate.gov.in पर उपलब्ध हैं।

S-28302 **प्रबंध संचालक**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521
No.CEE/SLDC/SEEE/EE/AEE-1/2020-21/14053-56 Date: 23-03-2021

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, invites bids against for the following Bid Enquiry Numbers:

1) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/SLDC/SEE(SLDC)/EE(SLDC)/AEE(O)/SG-019/2020-21** for **Providing security services [3 No's of Armed Security Guards + 3 No's of Unarmed Security Guards (2 Nos per Shift i.e., 1 Armed Security Guard +1 Unarmed Security Guard)]** to O/o CEE, SLDC, KPTCL office complex, premises & associated office, Control room located at #28, Racecourse cross road, Bengaluru-09 and **[3 No's of Unarmed Security Guards (1 No. Shift i.e., 1 Unarmed Security Guard Per Shift)]** to O/o SEE, TBC, KPTCL and associate office located at #39, Shanthi Gruha, 3rd Floor, Bharat Scouts & Guides Building, Palace Road, Bangalore-01 for a period of **24 Months.**

2) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/SLDC/SEE(SLDC)/EE(SLDC)/AEE(O)/HK-020/2020-21** for **Providing Housekeeping Services [The entire property of KPTCL SLDC comprising of parking area + Garden + Ground Floor + 1st Floor and MCC1 (SLDC Control Room)+ MCC2 on 1st floor of 220kV "A" station + REMC office on 2nd floor of 220kV "A" station]** to O/o CEE, SLDC, KPTCL office complex & premises, SLDC Control room, SCADA and REMC located at #28, Racecourse cross road, Bengaluru and to O/o SEE, TBC, KPTCL and associate office located at #39, Shanthi Gruha, 3rd Floor, Bharat Scouts & Guides Building, Palace Road, Bangalore-01 for a period of **24 Months.**

The Bids will be received through **e-Procurement portal only.** The details regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 3.00 PM on 25.03.2021.** Other details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer (Elec.),**
No.28, State Load Despatch Centre, KPTCL, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560009, Tel: 080-22267034 - 22259719

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BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Traffic Commercial Department, Central Office,
2nd Floor, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.
No. BMTC/CO/TR/COM/4098/2020-21 Dt: 22.03.2021

SHORT-TERM TENDER/NEGOTIATION NOTIFICATION No: 29/2020-21 (e-Procurement Platform)

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the experienced, qualified, interested persons/agency/company/firm through e-procurement platform for grant of License to run and maintain Commercial/Office spaces available at the newly constructed BTM Layout Bus Station Complexes under "as is where is basis" condition for a period of 12 years. And invites offers/bids for grant of License to run and maintain Commercial/Office spaces available at the Whitefield (ITPL) Bus Station complexes under "as is where is basis" condition for a period of 12 years.

(1) Last date & time for submission of bids is on **16.04.2021 up to 12:00 hrs. (2)** Opening of Technical/ Financial bids is on **19.04.2021 at 12:30 hrs. (3)** Opening of Financial bids is on **26.04.2021 at 12:30 hrs.** For details of Rent, EMD & Area etc. log on to: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: 080-23010900; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060; 22340948 or 7760991026 & 7760991222. e-Mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com**

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com)

DIPR/DDU/3222/MCA/2020-21 (Tender inviting Authority)

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Village Chakala, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd. ("RCFL"). Pursuant to the Deed of Assignment dated 19th February 2019, RCFL transferred and assigned the financial assets and other rights in favour of the Securitisation Trust (Indian Receivable Trust-19 –Feb-2019). Subsequently, the Securitisation Trust appointed SBFC Finance Private Limited to do all such acts including enforcement of underlying securities. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name Of The Borrower / Address & Name of Trust	Date Of Notice & NPA	Loan No. and Outstanding Amount	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS
1.Sri Venkateshwara Educational and Cultural Trust, Adress at 29/30, Jambusavari Dinne, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, Bangalore- 560083. 2. Jyothi N and 3. Mallinath Govin, both are residing at No.7 A, 4 A Main, Gr Block, SantrupthiNagar, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore 560078 Trust Name: Indian Receivable Trust-19 –Feb-2019	Notice Date: 2nd March 2021 NPA date: 15th January 2019	Loan Account No. RLERBAN000342852 (PR00704717) Loan Amount: Rs. 38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Only) Loan Account No. RLERBAN000343072 (PR00704734) Loan Amount: Rs. 37,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Only) Outstanding amount Rs. 75,20,922/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Only)as on 24th February 2021.	**Item- 1** All the piece and parcel of Property bearing BBMP Katha No. 4529/29,30, 14/1,14/2, 15/2 Site No.29 Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet Formedat land bearing Survey No. 14/1, 14/2 and 15/2 situated at Koyhanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising of basement, ground and three upper Floors building and bounded on North- Property bearing Site No.30, South- Property bearing Site No. 28, East- Property bearing Site No. 26, West- Road **Item-2:** All the piece and parcel of Property bearing BBMP Katha No. 4529/29,30, 14/1,14/2, 15/2 Site No.30 Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet Formedat land bearing Survey No. 14/1, 14/2 and 15/2 situated at Koyhanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising of basement, ground and three upper Floors building and bounded on North- Property bearing Site No.31, South- Property bearing Site No. 29, East- Property bearing Site No. 25,West- Road

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers, to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and the applicable Rules thereunder.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place: Bangalore
Dated: 25th March 2021

Sd/- (Joyal Nadar)
Authorized Officer,
SBFC Finance Private Limited

punjab national bank

CIRCLE OFFICE : RECOVERY DEPARTMENT,
SASTRA DIVISION BENGALURU,
100, Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore - 560005.
Phone : 080-25808908/8909. E-mail ID : cs8192@pnb.co.in.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 9.4.2021 from 11.00 a.m to 04.00 p.m

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch, Borrower Name, Mortgagor Name, A/c No	Description of the immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property (ies))	Demand Notice 13(2) and Possession 13(4) Date	Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Branch : PEENYA BANGALORE Mobile : 90736 78789 **S & S Infra Management Services** **1251008700003243 125100SG00000249**	**Property 1 - CODE - PUNBW1251SS1** Commercial building at PID NO 23-4-556-28A, SAS No 427, Khata No.549/595-530, ward No 23, beside Malleshwaram Temple, Subhash Nagar, Hassan admeasuring EW 18ft NS 24 ft 6 inches Total 441 sft and bounded on **East by :** Passage and Property of Ramesh Chand, **West by :** Passage and own Property, **North by :** Property belongs to Nagarathna Raju and **South by :** Property of Malleswara temple. **Property 2 - CODE - PUNBW1251SS2.** Commercial property at PID NO 23-4-556-28B, SAS No 428, Khata No 531/506, ward No 23, beside Malleshwaram Temple, Subhash Nagar, Hassan admeasuring EW 12ft 6 inches NS 17 ft Total 212.50 sft and bounded on **East by :** Passage and own Property, **West by :** Property belongs to Preeti Varad, **North by :** Property belongs to shiva watch works and **South by :** Road.	13(2) 25.4.2018 13(4) 9.8.2018 Symbolic	**Rs.3,16,20,716.00 plus interest and charges**	**Property 1 A) Rs.22,00,000.00 B) Rs.2,20,000.00 C) Rs.25,000.00 Property 2 A) Rs.32,25,000.00 B) Rs.3,23,000.00 C) Rs.50,000.00**
2	Branch : Sadashivanagar, Bangalore. Mobile : 97041 10055 **Mr Nanjundaswamy N A/C : 106200NC00020736 1062009900000959 Mr Nanjundaswamy N**	CODE - PUNBW1251NANJ - All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property situated at No.9, Municipal Corporation No.9, 10th Cross, 1st Phase, Gokula, Bangalore. consisting of 3 floors (G+2), total 11 units land admeasuring EW 40ft, NS (55+48)/2 in total 2060 sqft plus structure thereon to the extent of 4800 sqft total built up area and bounded on **East by** : Property belongs to Venkatappa, **West by :** Private Property, **North by** : Property belongs to Ramareddy, **South by :** Road.	13(2) - 3.4.2018 13(4) - 6.9.2018 - Symbolic	**Rs 1,18,51,627.00 Plus interest and charges**	**A) Rs.1,88,00,000.00 B) Rs.18,80,000.00 C) Rs.1,00,000.00**
3	Branch : Malleswaram, Bangalore Mobile : 7022038144 **Likhit Enterprises A/C : 126100ND00015741** Mr Nanjundaswamy N	CODE - PUNBW1251LIKH - All that piece and parcel residential cum Commercial Property situated at Municipal Corporation No.11, 1st D Main Road, Gokula, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore, standing in the name of N Nanjundaswamy and admeasuring EW 33 ft, NS 45 ft in total 1485 sft, consisting of G+3 floors having a built up area of 4256 sqft and bounded on **East By :** Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** Road, **South By :** Private Property.	13(2) 16.2.2017 13(4) 16.7.2018 - Symbolic	**Rs.99,90,860.00 plus interest and charges**	**A) Rs.1,42,37,000.00 B) Rs.14,25,000.00 C) Rs.1,00,000.00**
4	Branch : PEENYA, BANGALORE Mobile : 90736 78789 **Sansu Technologies Private Limited & Sankar K A/C : 1251008700003599 125100IB00061564 125100SG00000443**	**Property 1 :** All that piece and parcel of vacant site situated at site No 33, Byataranapura CMC Khata No.62, M S Jaraka Bande, Kavalu Dakale, (Opp Shabari English High School Vidyaranya Pura) Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Admeasuring EW-44+46/2=45 feet, NS 43+40/2=41.5 ft in total 1867.50 sqft, bounded on **East by :** Site No.57, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Private Property, standing in the name of Shankar K represented by GPA holder **Smt Sulochana.** **Property 2 :** Premier Gruhalakshmi Apartments : Flat No. A /101, First Floor, A Block, Peenya Village, Yashwantpura Hobli, Jalahalli Cross, Bangalore North Tq - 560058 with plinth area of 644 sqft with UDS of 596 sqft. In the name of **K Shanakar, S/o S P Krishnan.**	13(2) 31.10.2019 13(4) 9.1.2020 - Symbolic	**Rs.1,18,44,624.00 (3 accounts) plus interest and charges**	**Property 1 A) Rs 87,77,250/- B) Rs 9,00,000/- C) Rs 1,00,000/- Property 2 A) Rs.37,35,200/- B) Rs.3,75,000/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
5	PEENYA 125100 BANGALORE VAISHNAVI INDUSTRIES 1251008700002776 125100IB00060583	All that part and parcel of the property at No.6/2, PID No.97-98-6/2, Pemmaiah Block, J C Nagar, Bangalore - 560006, Coporation Ward No.97, standing in the name of Sri Gajendra Rao and measuring EW 22 ft and NS 23 ft in all 506 Sft and having G+2 floors having total plinth area of 1200.04 Sft and bounded on the **East by :** Passage Leading to Road, Well and staircase, **West by :** Conservancy lane, **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** Private Property.	A) 13(2) - 11.4.2016 B) 13(4) - 20.5.2017 Symbolic	**Rs.63,76,331.68 plus interest and charges**	**A- Rs.31,43,000/- B- Rs.3,15,000/- C- Rs.25,000/-**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :

1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com**

2. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet above mentioned dates the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date.

3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.

4. Platform (**https:www.mstcecommerce.com**) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider"s website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com.** This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

5. The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in,**

6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e-e-B□□□□ - IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in).

7. The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interest bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction.

8. Bidder"s Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding.

9. During the e-auction bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as **mentioned against each properties** to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e- auction shall be closed.

10. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly.

(1) In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (https: http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal.

11. After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider).

12. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price.

13. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.

14. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount.

15. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

16. The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act.

17. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**

18. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

19. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.

20. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.

21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.

22. The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.

23. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 25.3.2021

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

BEFORE THE III RD ADDL. DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION AT BANGALORE URBAN

Consumer Complaint No. 803/2020

BETWEEN:
Deepa M.S @ Deepa Anand ...Complainant
AND : Cellugen Biotech Pvt Ltd and other ...Opposite Parties

NOTICE TO OPPOSITE PARTY No. 9

Smt. Stephy Maria, Age : major, Representing Relationship Manger Cellugen Biotech Private Ltd., No.69, Ground Floor, Sampangi Sampurna Kariyappa Road, Basavanagudi, Opposite to Police Station, Bangalore - 560004.

WHEREAS the above named complainant has filed the above complainant against you for the refund and compensation for damages and for other such relief. The above case is post **on 26.04.2021** for your appearance. Hence you are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble court on the said date at 11 A.M. either in person or through counsel duly instructed.

Failing which the above case will be heard and determined in your absence placing you as ex-parte.

Giving under my hand seal of this court on this 18.3.2021.

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar-Cum-Assistant Administrative Officer, Bengaluru Urban 3rd Addl. District, Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, 1st Floor, BMTC 'B' Block, TTMC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027.

Advocate for Complainant: **BENOY JOSEPH**, Advocate No.16, Ground Floor, 20th 'J' Cross, Ejipura, Vivekanagar, Bangalore-560047.

BEFORE THE VII ADDL FAMILY COURT AT CHENNAI
O.P. No. 1738 of 2020

Suhasini P.V., D/o P. K. Venu, 72, SF, 4th Cross Street, Velan Nagar, Valasaravakkam, Chennai - 600 087. Petitioner

-Versus-

Suresh Gajapathy, S/o N.Gajapathy, 208, Pariwar Shenbag, 138/4, Arekere Main Road, Sarvabouma Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 076.

Also at

No.65,Vertex Privilege, Nizampet Road, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telengana - 500 072. Respondent

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed for Divorce before the Hon'ble Court of VII Additional Family Court, Chennai. The notices send to you by the court several times and also by post, were returned un-served. Hence substitute service is ordered against you on 16.03.2021. Take notice that O.P.No.1738 of 2020 is stands posted on 17.05.2021 at 10:30 AM for your appearance and counter if any and in case of your failure to appear in person on the said date and time, before the court mentioned above. The matter will be heard and determined in accordance with law.

SUHASINI P.V.
The Petitioner
Sd/-
CT. Murugappan
Advocate
Madras Bar Association
Madras High Court Buildings
Chennai - 600 104

IN THE DEBTS RECOVRY TRIBUNAL-1 FOR KARNATAKA
First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building,No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.
O.A.No.66/2019

BETWEEN
State Bank of India ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Purushotham C & another ...Respondents

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 43,38,719/-(Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Nineteen Only)** as on 21/01/2019 together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause with in 30 days from the date of publication of this summons, or on the **24.05.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **17th day of March 2021.**

Sd/- Signature of the Assistant Registrar DRT-1
Authorized to issue Summons

1. Mr. Purushotham.C, S/o. Mr. Chandrappa Venkatappa, Residing at No.G-2, ``Rashi Pride Apartments" Vishveshwaraiah Road, Nyanappanahalli, BTM 6th Stage, Bengaluru-560079.

2. M/s. Prabhavathi Builders and Developers Pvt Ltd., No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076.

BEFORE THE VII ADDL FAMILY COURT AT CHENNAI
O.P. No. 1739 of 2020

Suhasini P.V., D/o P. K. Venu, 72, SF, 4th Cross Street, Velan Nagar, Valasaravakkam, Chennai - 600 087. Petitioner

-Versus-

Suresh Gajapathy, S/o N.Gajapathy, 208, Pariwar Shenbag, 138/4, Arekere Main Road, Sarvabouma Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 076.

Also at

No.65,Vertex Privilege, Nizampet Road, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telengana - 500 072. Respondent

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed for Child custody before the Hon'ble Court of VII Additional Family Court, Chennai. The notices send to you by the court several times and also by post, were returned un-served. Hence substitute service is ordered against you on 16.03.2021. Take notice that O.P.No.1739 of 2020 is stands posted on 17.05.2021 at 10:30 AM for your appearance and counter if any and in case of your failure to appear in person on the said date and time, before the court mentioned above. The matter will be heard and determined in accordance with law.

SUHASINI P.V.
The Petitioner
Sd/-
CT. Murugappan
Advocate
Madras Bar Association
Madras High Court Buildings
Chennai - 600 104

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.

E-Mail: manmulpurchase@gmail.com, Tele: 08232–274571

IFT NO: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./Tender-21/2020-21 Date: 18.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for Supply of 1. SSG Fodder Seeds Sorghum/ Multicut fodder Sorghum Variety - 2000 Quintal 2. Supply of South African Tall Maize Seeds – 500 Quintal

Interested tenderers may please refer detail notice inviting tender for eligibility criteria & other details. Tenderers can downloaded documents from: 22.03.2021, Last date of submission of tender: 05.04.2021 at 17.00 hrs, Prebid Meeting: 29.03.2021 at 11.30 hrs, Date of opening of Technical tender: 07.04.2021 after 11.30 hrs & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in / website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, e-mail:hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

For more information contact Manager(P&I) Mob: 95919 94345, 95138 88274.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

NORTH EASTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Vijayapur Division, Vijayapur

NO:NEKT:VJP:TR:COMM: 4363:2020-21 Dated: 19:03:2021

Open Auction (Negotiation) Notification No : 170/H-2

NEKRTC Vijayapur Division invited Open Auction for Commercial Stalls & Refreshment Rooms & Vacant Places for General Stalls in various bus stands of Vijayapur Division in accordance with New circular No:150/17 & 170/20 the detailed schedule of Open Auction is as below.

The detailed schedule of Auction (Negotiation) is as follows.

Sl. No.	Bus Stand	Auction Date	Time
01	R.T.I Centre Vijayapur, CBS Vijayapur, Tikota	30.03.2021	After 10.00 am
02	Indi & Sindagi	01.04.2021	After 10.00 am
03	Shivanagi , Devara Hipparagi, Sindagi & Kalakeri	05.04.2021	After 10.00 am
04	Nidagundi & Muddebihal	07.04.2021	After 10.00 am
05	Managuli, Huvina Hipparagi & B.Bagewadi & Kolhar	09.04.2021	After 10.00 am

Due to administrative reason if there is any change in the above auction Dates / Time you may contact nearest bus Depot or NEKRTC divisional office during office hours for further information.

For details contact Commercial Case Worker (Traffic / Section) Vijayapur Divisional Office Vijayapur personally during office hours or Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO) Vijayapur Contact Number : 7760992252

DIPR/VJP/655/JA/2020-21

Sd/- Divisional Controller , N.E.K.R.T.C, Vijayapur Division.

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Ph: 0816-2206297/142/490/464, Fax: 0816-2206760. Email: tmupur99@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

(Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the service contract listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8943 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply of Cashew Splits on ARC Basis – 2,000 Kgs.	40,000-00
2	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8944 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply of LED Board, Vinyl Sun Board Pasting, Vinyl Sticker, Glowsign Board (Shop Branding) on ARC Basis for Mumbai Market Area, Total– 7,500 Sq. ft.	31,250-00
3	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8945 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply and Installation of Automatic Pet Jar Filling Machine And Accessories – 01 Unit.	60,000-00
4	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8946 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply, Installation And Commissioning of 63 KVA Transformer With Accessories -1 Unit	12,500-00
5	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8948 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply of R-22 Gas on ARC Basis – 800 Kgs.	12,000-00
6	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8949 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply of Kluber Oil -30 Cans, Lubrication Greese -20 kg And Paste -15 Cans.	16,450-00
7	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8950 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply of Face Mask, Head Caps, Aprons And Hand Gloves - Total 7,50,000 Nos	44,300-00
8	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8951 Dt: 17-03-2021	Supply of Canteen Grocery Items For 12 Months As Per Our Requirement, Terms And Technical Specification.	1,10,000-00
9	KMF/TCMU/PUR/ 2020-21/ IND8952 Dt: 17-03-2021	Bi-annual Contract Vehicle For Purchase Section To Carry Goods And Office Work 1.5 Ton Capacity.	25,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 19-03-2021 to 29-03-2021 / 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **29-03-2021 / 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (Cover-1): **30-03-2021 / 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ (ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)

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In a move that would help many Right to Information (RTI) activists, the Telangana government's IT Department is building a platform for them to file online applications for information under the Act.

'Covid fatigue' to blame for recent spike in TN: Experts

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JUST about a year back, the entire globe was going ga-ga about cleanliness and the need to maintain hygiene. Frequent rubbing of sanitisers on palms, obsessive cleaning of freshly bought vegetables and fruits, and a newly imbibed civic sense has all vanished now. With the added fervour of Assembly elections in the State, one can hardly spot anyone properly wearing a face mask in public spaces.

So, it should not be much of a wonder to discover that the onset of this attitude, called as "Covid fatigue", is the main reason behind the recent spike in fresh cases. At least that was the conclusion of an expert medical committee meeting held on Tuesday. Experts and corporation staff, who have been on the field since the beginning of the pandemic, agree. After over a year of rigorously sticking to Covid etiquettes, city residents may now have dropped guard, they said.

"Earlier, if we spot someone not wearing masks and ask them to wear it, they would immediately do so. Recently, when I said the same to a roadside vendor who was not wearing a mask when she asked me: Why don't you try wearing a mask and sitting here under the sun all day, everyday?" said a corporation sanitary inspector.

Families that religiously disinfected food and delivery packages besides washing their hands several times a day have now taken up a more relaxed approach. Public gatherings and celebrations often throw Covid protocols to the wind. "Earlier, even if we just stayed home, we would ensure that hands are thoroughly washed from time to time. Now, we just try to wash hands after returning home from work, but not so much after getting deliveries or touching surfaces like the gate and staircase railing," said Mohammed Tariq, a city-based businessman.

Dr P Ganeshkumar, Assistant Director & Scientist at ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology, said: "There is certain ignorance among people which leads to risky behaviour, like not wearing a mask."

Andhra's daily count surges to 585

Vijayawada: Another sharp spike of 585 new Covid-19 infections took the cumulative cases past the 8.95 lakh-mark in the State. Wedn-esday's count is the the highest spike in cases after December 6, 2020. Chittoor accounted for 128 new infections of the total 585, followed by Guntur with 99 cases and Visakhapatnam with 81 cases. With the surge in daily count, the number of the state's active cases increased to 2,946. ENS

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

'Attack on nuns will ruin India's image'

T'Puram: The attack on nuns at Jhansi railway station will tarnish the image of the nation and its ancient tradition of religious tolerance, said Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. In a letter to Shah on Wednesday, he wrote about the shocking incident where four nuns, including two postulants, were allegedly harassed by Bajrang Dal activists.ENS

Will create Palani district, says EPS

Dindigul/Karur: Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Wednesday promised to create a new district with Palani as its headquarters. This is the second such announcement he has made after he promised to create another district with Arani (Tiruvannamalai) as its headquarters, last Sunday. Earlier in the day, while campaigning in Karur, Palaniswami recalled his connection with the Prime Minister.ENS

MNM's Coimbatore South manifesto out

Coimbatore: A week after releasing a manifesto for the State, Makkal Needhi Maiam chief Kamal Haasan on Wednesday unveiled a vision document for Coimbatore South from where he is testing the electoral waters. His list of 25 promises include relocating the central prison outside the city, establishing a commercial plaza and underpassed on busy roads.ENS

NDA PROMISES LAW ON SABARIMALA, LOVE JIHAD

Manifesto includes bringing fuel prices within Rs 60-65 per litre

Union Home Minister Amit Shah participates in a road show organised by the Kerala BJP unit, in Tripunithura, Kochi, on Wednesday | A SANESH

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A LEGISLATION to protect beliefs and customs of Sabarimala temple, law against love jihad, raising monthly welfare pension to ₹3,500 and ensuring employment for at least one person in a household are the highlights of the BJP-led NDA's election manifesto, which was released here on Wednesday.

The NDA has also promised freeing temples from political interference and giving believers a greater role in their administrative process. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar released the manifesto in the presence of NDA leaders.

Other highlights of the manifesto are: Housing, water and electricity for all; providing petrol and diesel in the range of ₹60-₹65 per litre; monthly aid of ₹5,000 for ailing breadwinner of a family and up to six free gas cylinders for all BPL families.

Free laptops for high school students, providing five acres of agricultural land to landless SC/ST families and ensuring minimum wages in all job sectors also figure prominently in the election manifesto.

On the administrative front, the NDA has promised online monitoring and social auditing of government expenses. A development-oriented performance appraisal system for ministers and elected representatives has also been promised in the manifesto. Abolition of pension for personal staff of ministers and reducing administrative expenses by 30% are the other promises on the administration front. Unification of pension age, bringing pay of state government employees and teachers on a par with that of Central government have also been promised. The manifesto also proposes a ban on forced conversion and an 'earn while you learn' programme for students that provides up to 20 hours of work in government and private sectors.

On the economic front, the NDA manifesto promises a legislation against fleecing by loan sharks and a ban on Islamic banks working on communal lines. KIIFB will revamped as per constitutional provisions and will be subjected to CAG audit.

The NDA promises to abolish the 'impractical' Silverline project and introduce a 'third rail' in its place.

Data snooping: Madras HC pulls up EC

HARISH MURALI @Chennai

THE Madras High Court on Wednesday pulled up the Election Commission of India (ECI) over allegations of the Puducherry BJP unit accessing personal data of voters. Observing that it was a grave situation, it said that the Commission cannot pass the buck to the cyber cell authorities to investigate matter, and directed it to file a detailed report within two days.

The issue pertains to Anand, president of the Puducherry unit of the Democratic Youth Foundation of India (DYFI), alleging that the local BJP candidates had accessed phone numbers of voters from the Unique Identification Authority of India, and were creating WhatsApp groups for campaigning.

The petitioner stated that multiple such groups were formed using the same phone number, specifically targeting voters in each booth.

Anand further alleged that he had also tried reaching out to the administrator of the group, and to his shock found that there were 952 such WhatsApp groups with all details of voters, created by the local BJP unit.

The voters had been receiving calls from the party as well, he added. The petitioner's counsel, MN Sumathy, sought an interim stay from the court to direct party members to refrain from sending such messages.

The petitioner also sought for the court to constitute a special investigation team to probe the issue.

Sandalwood drugs case: Producer held

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GOVINDPURA police on Tuesday arrested Sandalwood film producer Shankar Gowda in connection with the ongoing investigation into the drugs case. The police have already interrogated him twice in a bid to find evidence. He was handed over to judicial custody.

A senior police officer said that nine drug peddlers, including some Nigerians, have been arrested over the last couple of months and drugs worth Rs 4 crore have been recovered.

During the investigation, police found that Gowda was hosting parties for some celebrities who were interested in investing in films and also acting.

He was allegedly supplying drugs to them, which were brought by his office boys. Gowda was also in contact with the prime accused, John Nonso, who was arrested two weeks ago, and he had revealed the name of Mastan Chandra, a contestant on reality show Bigg Boss.

The police also conducted search at Chandra's residence, but found nothing.

CRIME PATROL

Tennis coach arrested for sexually abusing minor

Bengaluru: A 30-year-old tennis coach has been arrested and booked under the POCSO Act for allegedly sexually abusing a five-year-old girl. Banaswadi police arrested Vinod Kumar S, a resident of Kanakadasa Layout and a coach at a private academy in Kacharakanahalli, on Tuesday. A police officer said that Vinod was arrested following a complaint by the girl's grandparents. The girl's parents had separated and she has been staying with her grandparents. Vinod used to come to their house often. On March 18, on finding the girl alone at home, he allegedly sexually assaulted her and left, the police officer added. ENS

Man held for misbehaving with woman

Bengaluru: Cubbon Park police arrested a Mumbai-based man for allegedly misbehaving with a woman at a pub in Church Street. The incident took place on Sunday night. The accused, Madhusudhan (32), was arrested on Monday. He is unemployed and had come to the city for leisure, police said. A police officer said that Madhusudhan and three of his acquaintances, including a woman, had gone to the pub. They were all inebriated and while dancing Madhusudan hugged the woman. The accused has been handed over to judicial custody. ENS

Gang of 10 robbers held

Bengaluru: The Annapoorneshwari Nagar police on Wednesday busted a robbery ring in the city by arresting a gang of 10 men. On March 6, the gang barged into the house of a home-alone woman, and decamped with valuables worth Rs 7 lakh after threatening her at knife-point. The arrested are Nagendra (30) of Banashankari, Partiban (25) of KG Halli, Nayaz Pasha (35) of Mysuru Road, Syed Siddiq (30) and Suresh (33), from Kengeri; Satish (30) of DJ Halli, Hamumanthe Gowda (28) and Dharmaraj (28), from Bhadravathi, Shivamogga district; Imran Pasha (32) of Doddamavalli and Hemath (22) of Chikkalasandra. ENS

Realtor murdered when asleep at home

Bengaluru: A 37-year-old realtor was allegedly hacked to death by an armed gang in Channammanakere Acchukattu on Wednesday. The deceased, Manjunath alias Dadiya Manja, was a resident of Balajinagar. He was unmarried and lived with his father. Police said the incident took place around 8.30 am. Manjunath had come home late the previous night and was asleep in his bedroom. The gang allegedly barged into the house, murdered him and fled. ENS

Suresh seeks ₹150cr grant for pvt Kannada schools

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PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister **Suresh Kumar** on Wednesday wrote to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, seeking grant-in-aid status to private Kannada medium schools -- 685 primary and 211 high schools – established between 1995 and 2000.

Explaining that he had averted a 3,000-member strong protest outside his residence by calling for a meeting with MLC Basavaraj Horatti, he wrote that the estimated cost to the department for providing grant-in-aid status for the schools would be Rs 138.39 crore.

Kumar said the department's primary demand is allocation of Rs 150 crore for this purpose, and he wrote to the chief minister, seeking the same be announced during the government's response on the budget debate.

He reminded Yediyurappa that during the latter's tenure as chief minister in 2008, he had announced the historic step of providing grant-in-aid status to private unaided schools. Thereafter, no step was taken to do it. The minister said he had asked the protesters to refrain from agitation, and peacefully hold the evaluation process in schools.

With Ghats cleared of forests, U-K dist faces landslides

An arecanut plantation that was destroyed in a landslide in Mathigatta near Sirsi on Tuesday | EXPRESS

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A MASSIVE landslide laid waste to an areca plantation in Mathigatta village near Sirsi on Tuesday. Two weeks ago, four people, all farm labourers, were buried alive in a similar landslide near a hillock in Santebail Idagundi village near Yellapur. In both cases, the ground adjoining the hillock was cleared, resulting in landslides.

Experts have blamed the landslides on deforestation and the use of heavy machinery to clear the earth. "The Western Ghats are loosely held by vegetation that has been growing for decades. It does not have any rocky structure underneath. A small disturbance will lead to such accidents," said Shivananda Kalave, a local environmentalist.

He said that many such incidents were reported in the district. The villages around Jaji Gudda in Sirsi and a few parts of Yellapur and Siddapura were highly vulnerable to such situations. "I have travelled to most of these places. People interfere with the vegetation and in most cases, they clear fully-grown vegetation. There is no regreening," he added.

He said that they try to shift the soil which has accumulated in these spots, which aggravates the situation. "Similar incidents happened in Yana near Gokarna," he said. He added that the best solution was not to interfere with the vegetation and is they do so, the soil should not be cleared.

Balachandra Hegde Sayimane, another expert, said that the landscape in these areas was made up of loose soil. "Once cracks develop after clearing the vegetation, the situation gets worse. Earth movers should not be used to clear the soil. Instead, there should be some sort of afforestation done to strengthen it," he said. He said monsoon would be worse this year in these places as it would be difficult for the soil to retain water.

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Name of the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Philip Naveen Kumar, Lifeline Medical Services, Mrs.Mary Prateeba J (Prospect No. 770916, 918784)	22-March-2021 Prospect No.770916 Rs. 22,78,653/-(Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Three Only) Prospect No. 918784 Rs. 59,266/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Flat No 104, admeasuring Super Built up Area of 946 Sq. Ft., 1St Floor, Platinum Petals, 11 B Kattha No. 1194/228/F104, PID No.1502001023001209 77, Situated At Survey No. 514, Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore Rural, 562125, Karnataka, India
Mr. Siddhartha Gupta, Mrs. Muriel Caroline Rebello Gupta, Tefilah Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, (Prospect No. 920789, 711676, 934067)	22-March-2021 Prospect No.920789 Rs.28,14,712/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Only) Prospect No.711676 Rs.44,18,146/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Six Only) Prospect No. 934067 Rs.4,98,691/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Site No. 134, admeasuring 80x50/2 ft. i.e. 4000 sq. ft., Survey No. 20/17A, Northern Portion, Kamanahalli, Village Begur Hobli, Bangalore South, Bangalore, 560076, Karnataka, India

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O-1286: Under unavoidable circumstances all the tenders invited vide Identification No-PMGSY Online NCB No-297 (eprocurement Notice No-1280 Dtd.19.03.2021) is hereby cancelled.
Sd/- P.K. Misra, Superintending Engineer, N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar.
OIPR-25048/11/0026/2021

Department of Water Resources
Odisha Community Tank Development Management Society
ODISHA INTEGRATED IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE (OIIPCRA)
(WORLD BANK PROJECT ID: P163533)
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No:-849 Date: 23.03.2021
A-712: The Expression of Interest for "Agri-Business Support Organization (ABSO)", "Support Organization (SO) for social Mobilization for OIIPCRA in Ganjam District-Zone-2 (Aska, Bellaguntha, Bhanjanagar, Buguda, Dharakote, Jagannath Prasada, Polasara, Sorada Blocks)" & "Support Organization (SO) for social Mobilization for OIIPCRA –Zone-4 (Kalahandi, Khariar&Nabrangpur Districts)" for Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture (OIIPCRA) invited for item No-2, 4 & 6 of EoI No-OIIPCRA-EoI-03/2019 dated 29.06.2019 by the office of OCTDMS is hereby cancelled. This is for notice of all concerned.
Sd/-Project Director, OCTDMS OIPR-32234/11/0011/2021

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1.	No of the work	:- 01 Number of Building Works
2.	Estimated cost	:- Rs. 575.87 Lakhs
3.	Period of completion	:- 11 (Eleven) Calendar Months
4.	Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:- From 11.00 Hours of 06.04.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 20.04.2021
5.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:- 16.00 Hours of 20.04.2021
6.	Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:- 12.00 Hours on 22.04.2021
7.	Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	:- Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

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Sd/- A.N. Das, Superintending Engineer,
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar OIPR-34033/11/0024/2021

EDITORIAL

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VACCINATION FOR MORE, OUR BEST BET AGAINST FORM-SHIFTING ENEMY

As a second wave of Covid-19 erupts across India, more viciously in economically active cities, the decision to open up vaccination to all above 45, irrespective of their health condition, is a welcome move. Vaccination is our best hope against a form-shifting enemy—debates on efficacy and likely side-effects aside. This early expansion of the recipient population who qualify for a jab is particularly significant. Bringing in the 45+ segment will help ensure that the working population, which is out and about, can now have a shield. Coupled with the increase in the gap between the two shots, this can make a larger section of India's 1.3 billion population less vulnerable. It, of course, depends on the population to come forward and take the jab, and not lower their mask thereafter.

A wider recipient pool also helps lower chances of wastage. Karnataka is perhaps the only state that has used up the vaccine allocated to it, and is running short. Once opened, a vax vial needs to be used up within four hours. Only some PHCs in Punjab and Tamil Nadu initially showed the flexibility to offer it to any member of the queueing public who was willing to take a jab. Central regulation and monitoring is not essentially bad, particularly when there are errant states, but too much of it is counter-productive. The states should have the flexibility to decide on or add their own priority groups, based on their own separate surge analyses.

Younger people in many parts of the world are being given the option of vaccination. Also the private sector should be incentivised to source the vaccines directly, and both the government and private players must be allowed to charge those willing to pay. More options, like bridging trials for vaccines other than Covishield and Covaxin, should be opened up. It's an evolving science. Meanwhile, we wait to see a single shot Covid-19 vaccine that covers all bases.

KCR BONANZA TO STATE GOVERNMENT STAFF

The 9.17 lakh employees of the Telangana state government including those who are hired under various other categories are over the moon ever since Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao announced a fitment of 30% on their basic pay and enhancement in their retirement age from 58 to 61 while making a statement on the implementation of the state's first Pay Revision Commission in the Assembly earlier this week. But on the flip side, the unemployed youth are upset as the chief minister had nothing to offer to them—neither the promise of hastening recruitment for government jobs nor announcing any unemployment allowance. They complain that though they were the bulwark of the Telangana movement, the chief minister has ignored them and, rubbing salt into their wounds, praised the employees' role in the formation of the state.

The chief minister, after taking his own time, made the announcement on the Pay Revision Commission, obviously with an eye on the 2023 Assembly elections. But the unemployed got the short end of the stick. The government, except for saying in the past that it would fill 50,000 posts soon, has done precious little in that direction. Ironically, the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC), which handles recruitment for government posts, is down in the dumps. Even its acting chairman D Krishna Reddy has retired recently, leaving only one member, Prof Sailu Chinta, as against the full complement of 11 members including the chairman. Prof Chinta too will demit office in October.

This apart, a basic question is being raised: If the chief minister can declare fitment, why should there be a Pay Revision Commission in the first place? The PRC, which was commissioned in 2018, made an elaborate exercise and recommended 7.5% fitment. But the chief minister made the unilateral decision of hiking it to 30%, despite the fact that it would dent the exchequer by ₹8,000-₹10,000 crore per annum. It is now up to KCR to find the money to deliver the goodies.

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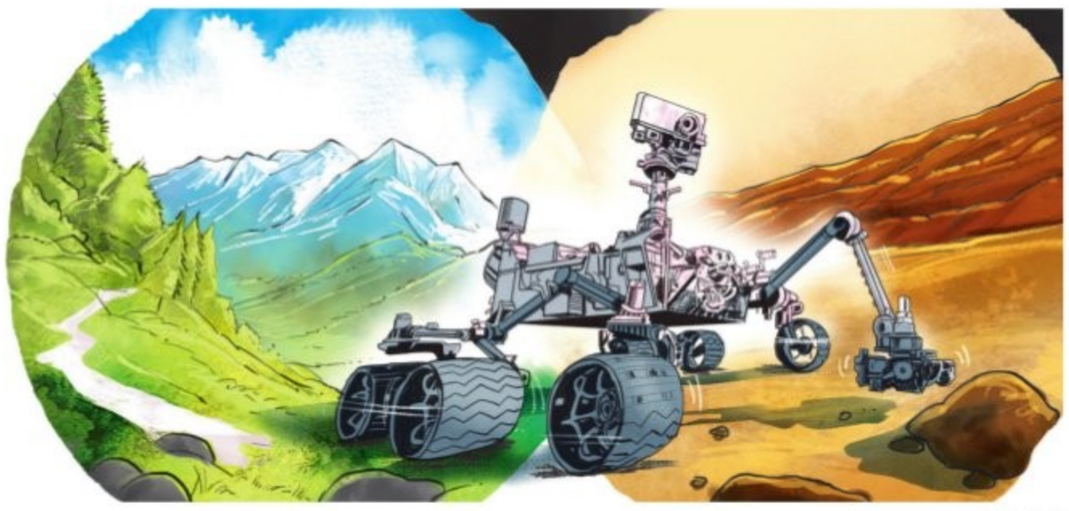
WHY SHOULD WE EXPLORE THE RED PLANET?



AMIT BANDRE

MADHAVAN NAIR
Former ISRO chairman

On 4 March 2021, NASA achieved a remarkable landmark in planetary exploration by soft-landing its rover named Perseverance on the Martian surface, marking the beginning of a new era of understanding the planet that had a lot of similarity with Earth billions of years ago. Mars was closest to Earth in March 2021. Such an opportunity comes once in two years. Making use of this, not only the US but also UAE and China had embarked on their Mars missions The UAE launched a spacecraft named HOPE intended for making remote observation of the Martian atmosphere and weather patterns. China's Tianwen 1 mission is a combined orbiter, lander and rover for Mars exploration.

Out of these three missions, Perseverance is the most advanced. The fairly large rover will look for fossilised microscopic life. The landing site, namely Jezero crater, was a lake 3.5 billion years ago with its own river delta. It is hypothesised that water may have spread over 45 km wide with 600 m depth here. There could have been living organisms; one hopes to find biosignatures in this dry land. A unique feature of this mission is a small helicopter carrying a set of instruments for atmospheric studies.

Sending a spacecraft to Mars is hard and landing on the planet is even harder. The thin Martian atmosphere makes descent tricky and more than 60% of landing attempts in the past have failed. This time, NASA used all its past experience to arrive at the landing sequence using sophisticated sensors and rocket systems.

The orbiter is equipped to make remote observations using a set of cameras and radars, and will also act as a data relay centre. These sets of instruments will not only provide stereoscopic images but also assess the atmospheric constituents. The lander with the robotic arm will enable close observation and multispectral imaging of nearby regions. The main objective of the lander is to assess the surface conditions, analyse various samples of soil and rocks, and make observations of the climate. The aim is to determine whether Mars was inhabited once and whether it can provide opportunity for supporting life in the future.

Mars has always attracted the attention of humans due to its reddish hue that is different from other planets and stars. Its unique trajectory has been computed in India and Mesopotamia thousands of years ago. Later, towards the end of the 18th century, the invention of the telescope has enabled humans to have a closer look at this red planet. Science fiction has tried to imagine the existence of a Martian civilisation and speculated about the presence of extraterrestrial intelligent creatures. Though there is no physical evidence of any living objects on Mars as of now, there is a hypothesis that about two to three billion years ago, there could have been life there as on Earth.

Quite often questions are raised as to why we should explore Mars. Today, the existence of humans is solely dependent on Earth, which alone provides the right prerequisites for life support such as water, oxygen, carbon, nitrogen and hydrogen, and the right temperature among the planets of the solar system. There is always the fear of extinction of the human species either due to natural calamities or man-made disasters on Earth.

Prof Stephen Hawking, the famous theoretical physicist and cosmologist, once declared that mankind faces two options: Either we colonise space within the next 200 years and build residential units on other planets or we will face the prospect of long-term extinction. Almost all space-faring nations have long-term ambitions to make the space colonies a reality.

The nearest is the Moon, about 400,000 km away. But there is no atmosphere around it—no oxygen, hydrogen or carbon, essential to support life. The recent discovery by our Chandrayaan mission, confirming the presence of water in the polar regions, gives some hope. But the temperatures are extreme, ranging from −160°C in the permanently shadowed region to 200°C in the equatorial regions. Gravity is about one-sixth of Earth's surface. Establishing a human habitat in these extreme conditions is a Herculean task but it may still be possible by establishing huge tents with artificial atmosphere and appropriate temperature. Almost everything has to be carried from Earth except power, which could be derived from the Sun. Such tents can accommodate people for short periods to conduct experiments or excavate some exotic material like Helium-3 that is not available on Earth. Beyond that, such a base can also act as a platform for launching spaceships to other planets or to interstellar space.

Right from the beginning of the space era, nearly 60 attempts have been made to explore Mars at close quarters. So far, four space agencies—NASA, Russia's Roscosmos, the European Space Agency (ESA), and our ISRO—have put spacecraft in Martian orbit. With eight successful landings, the US is the only country that has operated a craft on the planet's surface. Several spacecraft such as NASA's MAVEN orbiter, Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and Mars Odyssey; ESA's Mars Express and Trace Gas Orbiter; and India's Mars Orbiter Mission are transmitting data now from Mars.

> Exploring Mars helps scientists learn about the fundamental principles of changes in the atmosphere, life support systems and climate over billions of years, which will throw some light on what can happen in the future on Earth

These exploration missions have confirmed the presence of water on the surface and ice sheets beneath. The images show there would have been flowing liquids—maybe water or methane—river valleys, basins and lakes. This indicates there may have been large oceans in the early days. All these explorations have given rise to the hope that there could have been a thick atmosphere in Mars, which could have contained water vapour and supported life sometime back in history. But what brought the catastrophic phenomena that resulted in a hostile dry and dusty planet of today is intriguing and worth studying. It may throw some light on the large-scale destruction caused by climate change.

Often people ask this question: 'When is India going to the Moon or Mars?'. We are in the process of developing Gaganyaan, which can carry three crew members to orbit around Earth and return. Taking off from that, planning a Moon mission may be feasible whereas going to Mars involves nearly eight months' travel time one way, staying there for a few months and returning. It poses several technical and logistical problems. It may need nearly a hundred tonnes of material and supplies to be taken to an orbit around the Earth, assembled and sent to Mars, and brought back safely. Even with the largest rocket system in the world today, it may require nearly 10 launches for one trip to Mars.

In this context, Elon Musk the SpaceX founder, has come up with the unique solution of developing a huge rocket system that can take a nearly 100 ton recoverable and reusable module, which can not only survive the launch and reentry into Earth but also carry nearly 10 passengers to Mars and back. This a fantastic concept and development of the various systems are halfway through. Maybe in five years, a cargo mission to Mars may be feasible and in about 10 years, human flight to Mars and back. Musk has predicted that by 2100 about 100,000 people may travel to work or pleasure to Mars and return. This is fantastic foresight and a dream that is not impossible to realise.

For the moment, India has to be satisfied with robotic exploration of this nearest neighbour of the Earth that could be adopted to support life. India had made a small beginning by sending its Mars orbiter mission in 2017. Though it was an abridged configuration, it demonstrated our capability to travel nearly 40 million km and reach Martian orbit. It has also taken some close pictures of the red planet and provided some data on trace gases. We demonstrated our capability to have an orbiter, lander and rover mission through our Chandrayaan-2 mission. Though there was a small slip between the cup and lip, we demonstrated most of the technologies required for exploration of Mars. What is needed is to conceive unique experimental objectives and plan a mission to Mars, an opportunity for which may come about two years from now.

GEOSPATIAL INEQUALITY AND MIGRATION WITHIN INDIA

KARAN BHASIN
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The pandemic has certainly raised several questions regarding migration within the country. Migration across regions is a routine exercise as people relocate, not just across different states within a country but also across countries from time to time due to various reasons. Improving one's standard of living is certainly one of the reasons. This illustrates that there is significant geospatial inequality, both in terms of standard measures of welfare and economic opportunities.

Several authors have attempted to explain migration and explore its linkages with geospatial inequality. Such studies have become important given that the pandemic has disrupted economic activities across the world. In the specific case of India, the pandemic even resulted in reverse migration, thereby suggesting that migrant workers felt they would attain a higher level of welfare should they be back in their villages.

A recent study by Sriram Balasubramanian, Rishabh Kumar and Prakash Loungani that explores geospatial inequality is very timely. The study, titled *Inequality and locational determinants of the distribution of living standards in India,* uses the 2011/12 Consumption Expenditure Survey by the NSSO to explain the variation in living standards. The 2017 version of this survey was withheld due to data inconsistencies and other procedural issues and thus, the 2011/12 survey is the last one that provides us with an income distribution.

Their study is critical as it puts the spotlight back on issues related to geospatial inequality—a fact often ignored in popular discourse even though it plays a large role in inbound (and outbound) migration. One of their key findings is that consumption levels and locational inequality are positively related. That is, living standards are higher in richer parts of the country, but so is inequality. Thus, we find large income inequality in many of our urban centres such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, etc., which would typically have a higher average consumption level compared to other parts of the country.

Further, they find large differences in average consumption levels for rural and urban households, which is to be expected. There is some evidence that this difference may have converged since then due to large transfers focussed in rural areas, but the gap continues to remain. Additionally, they point at the continued divergence in the per capita incomes of rich and poor states, which is an increasingly critical issue from a policy perspective. As is the case, even the manufacturing sector tends to be more concentrated in our peninsular states, thereby concentrating jobs across that region even though there is large surplus labour in the heartland.

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These factors are important as they illustrate how some states are gaining in terms of pushing for more pro-economic policies. Subsequently, they are witnessing an increase in their per capita income levels, which is motivating people from other regions to come in search for better opportunities. The paper provides an excellent explanation for the persistence of economic migration that is likely to continue over the coming decade. Due to this, we will witness a significant change in the distribution of population and thus population density within the country.

The flip side to this is that in the absence of economic reforms in the relatively poorer states, they may continue to lose out in the development process. Continued migration to other parts could result in lower amounts of surplus labour in these areas, which could slow the process of industrialisation in these states.

Luckily, some states in the heartland have recognised the need to undertake strong economic reforms in a quest to create a pro-business and pro-markets environment. Thus, the approach is to create job opportunities within the state to retain a share of migrant workers who returned during the pandemic. Whether these states succeed or not will depend on a host of factors, but there is a concentrated policy push for the same.

If states are successful, India may soon begin to bridge the gap in terms of access to opportunities. However, if states mandate domicile requirements and fragment our labour markets, there will be a situation where companies could benefit from disaggregated labour markets.

The paper by Balasubramanian, Kumar and Loungani (2020) provides us with an excellent review of what the 2011/12 data tells us about consumption patterns and geospatial inequality in India. What remains to be seen is if in 2027/28 or perhaps 2031/32 we show some improvement or convergence in income levels, or whether the trend of divergence will continue.

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Revised vaccine schedule

The revision of the vaccine schedule so that it now allows everyone above the age of 45 to get the shot from April 1 whether or not they have comorbidities is great. The Centre should also research on vaccines with higher efficacy.

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Allow jabs for everyone

Taking into account the rapid rise in Covid cases, the Centre revising vaccination guidelines is a step in the right direction. It should soon allow jabs for everyone regardless of age.

K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad

Slow rate of inoculation

With the latest news that AstraZeneca included outdated information in its study of its vaccine, there are apprehensions among people. Unless the Centre comes out with a statement, the pace of inoculation in India will be slow.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

All are equal before law

The Delhi High Court's confirmation on AAP MLA Somnath Bharti's two-year jail term for assaulting an AIIMS security staff is rational and cogent. This shows that all are equal before the law.

Thomas K M, Muvattupuzha

Quiet about Westernisation

It was disheartening to read about the controversy surrounding the letter 'ha' on a railway station board in Tamil Nadu. People who protest against this never voice their opinion on the Westernisation of our culture.

Col Lakshmana Kumar T (Retd), Chennai

Mudslinging in Bengal

West Bengal's TMC and the BJP are having a field day with mudslinging. Watching the news was never as entertaining as it is before the state's Assembly polls.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

System could collapse

This is with reference to *SC loan waiver ruling balances biz, consumer interests* (Mar 24). A total interest waiver sets a bad precedent and the entire banking system could collapse. But waiving off compound interest is relatively inexpensive.

M Manivannan, email

Conserve funds for needy

Loans are like water; they are precious and must be conserved for the needy. Total waivers would deplete the funds available for people who need them.

Rajendran Pandalam, Kottayam

No politicians in trust

This is with reference to *For transparency in temple management* (Mar 24). The involvement of spiritual leaders and locals is an option that must be explored. Trusts must have devout people, not career politicians.

G Purushothaman, Tirunelveli

Record for a debutant

Kudos to cricketer Prasidh Krishna on his stirring bowling performance in the first ODI against England at Pune. Prasidh made his speed count and scalped four wickets—a record for a debutant.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

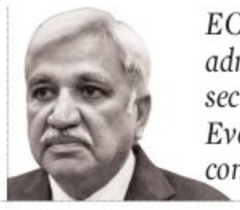
Prakash Javadekar @PrakashJavdekar
The hypocrisy of Congress & CPM got thoroughly exposed in Kerala. They are fighting elections together in Bengal & in Kerala they are in mock contest

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The politics of the BJP believes in the autocracy of unanimous opinion rather than public opinion

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
When Indian origin people rise to eminence abroad, all of us feel pride. It should remind us that values of diversity that we celebrate abroad were also a hallmark of Indian democracy

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

Trinamool Congress will be clean bowled, if he (Sourav Ganguly) joins BJP. Not just crossing the 200-mark, 294 (total seats in Bengal) is possible if Dada joins our party —Ashok Dinda, BJP candidate



ECI is doing hand-holding with local administrations so that people vote in a secure atmosphere with no fear of coercion. Even observers are being observed by the commission —Sunil Arora, Chief Election Commissioner

I'm not after the CM's post. I was never in politics for personal ambitions. I'm concerned about forming a Congress-led 'Mahajot' government —Gaurav Gogoi, Assam Congress

2/3rd of Assam promises met: BJP

New Delhi: The BJP think tank on Wednesday said the NDA government in Assam has fulfilled two-third of the promises made in the 10-year vision document unveiled before the 2016 Assembly polls. The Public Policy Research Centre stated in its report that the Assam government has acted strongly against corruption.

PM hails house help candidate

Kolkata: PM Narendra Modi has hailed BJP candidate from West Bengal's Ausgram seat, Kalita Majhi, who reportedly works as a house help. Taking to Twitter, Modi tagged a media report which states Majhi is the wife of a plumber and works as a house maid earning a modest income. "She is a new hope for our society," the Prime Minister said in a tweet.

Full bench of ECI in West Bengal

Siliguri (WB): Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said on Wednesday that the Election Commission of India is handholding with local administration to ensure that people come out to vote in large numbers in a secure atmosphere. A full bench of ECI is on a two-day visit to West Bengal to review law and order arrangements.

PM Narendra Modi (C) with local BJP leaders at an election rally in West Bengal's Contai on Wednesday| BIBHASH LODH

Modi offers 'son of soil' CM to counter outsider jibe

Mamata has been attacking BJP for bringing leaders from outside

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SHARPENING his attack on the West Bengal Chief Minister, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at Mamata Banerjee for her 'outsider' remark, aimed at BJP's national heavyweights visiting the state. Modi said no one is an outsider in Bengal.

He added that if BJP wins West Bengal, the next CM will be a son of the soil. The potential CM candidate for BJP has been a matter of speculation. Modi, however, did not elaborate after saying that the person would be from Bengal.

Taking a jibe at the CM's venture of offering government schemes and benefits by setting up camps under the banner of Duare Sarkar (government at your doorstep) across the state ahead of Assembly elections, Modi said the people of Bengal will show her the exit door.

"Who are you referring to as outsiders? This is the land of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindra Nath Tagore and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. This is India. We all are children of this land. No one is an outsider here," said Modi at a rally in East Midnapore's Contai. "In the last 10 years, you forgot the people of the state. Before elections, you launch Duare Sarkar. The people have decided to show you the door on May 2." In an attempt to woo women voters, Modi accused Mamata of keeping this section away from Central schemes. "The Centre's relief sent to Bengal got stuck. Bengal wants to know who looted the relief," he said.

Referring to Mamata's leg injury, Modi accused her of insulting the people of Nandigram, from where she is contesting.

PM ATTACKS CONGRESS IN ASSAM RALLY

Guwahati: Slamming Congress for aligning with minority-based All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) in the Assam elections, PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday said it was not a 'maha jot' (grand alliance), but 'maha jhoot' (big lie).He said Congress was focussed on capturing power with the vote bank of a party which prospered because of infiltration. Modi alleged that Congress could do anything for votes. For example, he said, Congress is friendly with the Left in Assam, but wrestling with them in Kerala. "I have come here to awaken you. The hand of the Congress today is on such a force whose foundation is based on the principle of destroying Assam's identity. Will you allow your culture and tradition to be destroyed?" Modi said at a rally in Bihpuria.

Mamata's job offer for exposing BJP's 'cash-for-vote' ploy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

ACCUSING the BJP of spreading money to buy votes in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that if anyone catches a 'culprit', he or she will be rewarded with a state government job, if TMC retains power.

Minutes after Narendra Modi hit out at her on the 'outsider' issue in an East Midnapore rally, Mamata alleged that BJP is bringing in goons from Uttar Pradesh and said she never saw a Prime Minister lying as much as Modi does.

"I have information that BJP is handing out money to buy votes. Do not step into the trap. If anyone can catch a culprit, he or she will get a job in the state government if TMC returns to power," said Mamata, addressing a rally at Bishnupur in Bankura district.

Reiterating her allegation that BJP is bringing goons from other states, Mamata said: "I respect the chair of the Prime Minister. But I have never seen a liar like Narendra Modi. He only lies. BJP is bringing goons from Uttar Pradesh to destroy the culture of West Bengal. Who are the goons? Due to BJP's torture, IPS officers in UP are leaving their jobs."

In a letter to the Election Commission on Monday, TMC raised objections against deployment of personnel of the Uttar Pradesh state armed police in West Bengal.

Mamata Banerjee addresses an election rally in the district of Bankura with actress Sayantika Banerjee (R), TMC candidate from the constituency, on Wednesday | PTI

The TMC supremo accused the saffron camp-led Centre of running three syndicates. "Farmers are protesting on roads for months. This is due to three syndicates of Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and Adani. Adani will loot all the products of the farmers. Only Modi, Shah and Adani will get to eat," Mamata lashed out.

Mamata lambasted the Centre for the constant hike in fuel and LPG prices. "I give free ration and you have to spend ₹800 to cook food. They said Beti Padhao Beti Bachao, yet they could not spend a single rupee. Our government provides scholarship of ₹1000 to 2,500 to girls," she added.

State BJP chief's 'bermudas' remark draws flak

Kolkata: BJP's West Bengal president Dilip Ghosh's remark that Mamata Banerjee should wear bermudas has triggered a controversy. TMC has called it "distasteful". Women also expressed outrage on social media. While no one was named, Ghosh's comment seemed to be directed at Mamata. "If she has to display her leg, she can wear bermudas," he said. "Bengal BJP leaders don't show respect to women," TMC tweeted.

PRICE RISE A WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF ASSAM CONGRESS

SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

35,64,581 Toilets built since Oct 2, 2014

3,95,187 Toilets built in 2019-20

2,693 ODF gram panchayats self declared

25,503 ODF villages self declared

33 ODF districts self declared

61.89% INCREASE IN HHIS WITH TOILET

(ODF: Open Defecation Free)

HOUSING

- During 2014-15 under IAY Scheme, 1,45,283 houses constructed against target of 1,78,022
- Under PMAY-G Scheme in 2016-17, 325 houses constructed against target of 2,19,695
- In 2014-15 ₹90,160.35 lakh utilised against ₹93,744.86 lakh received (IAY Scheme)
- In 2015-16 ₹82,455.91 lakh utilised against ₹1,10,413.03 lakh received (IAY Scheme)
- In 2016-17 ₹50,890.09 lakh utilised against ₹27,245.79 lakh received (IAY Scheme)
- Under PMAY-G scheme ₹11,383.84 lakh utilised against ₹11,029.54 lakh received

(Economic Survey, 2017-18)

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"WHAT we have done in the past five years the Congress could not do in 15," said Tutun Kar at the party's dimly-lit and sparse Nagaon district office.

Assam's Swachh Bharat Mission says more than 35.64 lakh toilets have been built since October 2014, with a 62% increase in households with the facility. As for housing, culture minister Naba Kumar Doley said in May 2020 that 2.7 lakh houses have been built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

The latest data on the increase in road network is not available but according to the Assam Economic Survey 2017-18, surfaced road increased from 21,200 kms in 2011-12 to 27,003 kms in 206-17. National highways in the state increased from 2,848 kms to 3,900 kms in the same period.

ROAD NETWORK IN ASSAM (in km)

Year	Surfaced road	Unsurfaced road	National Highway	State Highway	Major dist. road	Rural road	Urban road
2011-12	21,200	24,300	2,848	3,134	4,413	36,544	1,409
2012-13	22,700	22,800	3,069	3,134	4,413	36,544	1,409
2013-14	23,747	21,753	3,069	3,134	4,413	36,544	1,409
2014-15	23,948	20,914	3,834	2,530	4,379	36,544	1,409
2015-16	25,546	19,316	3,862.53	2,530	4,379	36,544	1,409
2016-17	27,003	18,551	3,900	2,530	4,379	37,030	1,615

But the positive sentiment around the Assam government's development record is somewhat marred by the price rise. "Everything is so expensive now, dal prices have gone up and mustard oil now costs almost Rs 150 (a litre). I voted for Modi the last time, I am not sure this time," said housewife Sarita Pegu in Dhemaji.

Noor-ul-Islam in Nagaon concurs with Sarita on inflation. "There is no doubt the BJP government has brought development but what about the price rise? If they have given us Rs 2 in our bank accounts, they have taken away Rs 98," he said.

The price rise has come in handy for the Congress to beat the BJP with. "What has the BJP done on jobs and price rise? Their promises are embarrassingly unfulfilled," said party leader and MP Gaurav Gogoi.

Gogoi isn't wrong when it comes to jobs. In some other parameters too Assam lags behind many other states, although many of them could be a legacy the BJP government inherited. According to Assam Agenda 2030, a task-at-hand document brought out by the Sonowal government in early 2018, the "unemployment rate stood at 61 per 1,000 population (age 15 and above) against the national figure of 50 per 1,000 population."

Poverty and hunger also plague the state. "The poverty head count ratio for Assam was estimated at 27.34% in 2015-16," the Agenda 2030 said, adding, "Hunger remains a major problem. Amongst children, almost 30% below the age of 5 are undernourished," it said.

But the BJP is confident. "We are on the way to getting more than 100 seats (out of 126)," said Simanta Bora, a party leader in the district of Nagaon.

INDIA AT UNSC

'Ceasefire need of the hour for Afghanistan'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IMMEDIATE ceasefire in Afghanistan is the need of the hour and a basic prerequisite for the success of the peace process, India has said at the UNSC. India's permanent ambassador to the UN, TS Tirumurti said the council had condemned the attacks on civilians in Afghanistan. He was speaking during the UNSC debate on UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

"These attacks are aimed at forcing Afghan people to make pre-determined choices through coercion and spreading fear and intimidation within the society. As Afghanistan's immediate neighbour, we are deeply concerned at the rising use of violence," he said.

Tirumurti said ceasefire is not only in the interest of Afghanistan and said that peace and violence cannot go hand in hand. "Many Indians have sacrificed their lives while on duty in Afghanistan. We have the highest stakes in ensuring peace and stability in Afghanistan," said Tirumurti.

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE

Rajya Sabha passes Bill to give primacy to L-G over government of Delhi

Amid protests and walkouts by opposition MPs, the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021 that gives primacy to the lieutenant governor over the elected government. The Upper House passed the Bill with 83 members voting in favour as opposed to 45 against it. Opposition MPs termed the Bill "unconstitutional" and demanded that it be sent to a select committee for scrutiny. The House witnessed two brief adjournments over the issue.

Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill to strengthen monitoring of shelter homes

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill, which seeks to strengthen monitoring of shelter homes by delegating more power to district administrations. "The Bill seeks to give priority to the protection of the rights of children by making it a key responsibility of the district magistrate," said Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development. Quoting reports, she said 29 per cent of the children homes were not registered despite the norms.

Commission to be set up to prescribe uniform education standards for healthcare workers

A bill to set up a Commission for regulating and prescribing uniform education standards for allied and healthcare professionals was approved by Parliament with the Lok Sabha giving nod to the legislation by a voice vote on Wednesday. The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2021, seeks to provide for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals. The bill has already been passed by the Rajya Sabha last week.

Biden admin announces resumption of Homeland Security Dialogue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Joe Biden administration has announced that the Homeland Security Dialogue, which had been discontinued by the Donald Trump government, will be re-established.

The decision to re-establish the dialogue came a day after Indian Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, spoke to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and decided to further strengthen the partnership between India and the Homeland Security Department. "Mayorkas and Sandhu agreed to re-establish the US-India Homeland Security Dialogue and to discuss important issues such as cyber security, emerging technology and addressing violent extremism," said a statement.

File shot (from 2013) of Narendra Modi & Joe Biden, who was vice-president then

According to the statement, Mayorkas and Sandhu highlighted the positive engagement between the two countries during the Biden administration. The readout also mentioned the Quad meeting which addresses major commitments to cooperate on Covid-19, climate change and cyber security.

EXPRESS READ

Concerned over misuse of electoral bonds: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its order on a plea of an NGO seeking stay on the sale of fresh electoral bonds ahead of elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam and Puducherry. A three-judge bench, headed by CJI SA Bobde expressed concern over the possible misuse of bonds and asked the Centre to examine it. "If a political party gets `100 crore worth bonds what is the control over the use of these bonds for illegal activities or purposes outside political agenda?" the bench asked. Attorney General K K Venugopal, representing the Centre, said that after the bond scheme was launched in 2018, black money in election funding has been under check.

Indo-Bangla tie example for others: Foreign secy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Wednesday said India-Bangladesh relations have been on a high despite the pandemic and other countries would want to emulate this relationship.

"PM Narendra Modi will be on a visit to Bangladesh for the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from Thursday, where he will participate in the celebrations and meet top leadership of the country," he said.

Modi will meet his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid and Bangladeshi Foreign Minister AK Abdul Memon. According to Shringla, the PM is also expected to meet a diverse group of people including coalition leaders, opposition leaders and Mukti Jodha members. "He will also visit the home of Bangabandhu in Gopalganj district," Shringla said.

On the Rohingya issue, Shringla said India has a distinction of having land borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh. "India has recognised Bangladesh's contribution in giving refuge to Rohingya refugees and provided aid to Bangladesh. We have also built houses for them under the Rakhine development plan in Myanmar," he said.

INFANT DEATHS

Over 13,000 infants have died during treatment in the sick newborn care units (SNCUs) of government-run hospitals in Gujarat in the last two years, the state Legislative Assembly was told on Wednesday

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INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	23	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	34	17	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	32	19	Patna	36	20
Amritsar	27	13	Lucknow	34	19
Chennai	34	24	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	37	24	Imphal	33	12
Srinagar	17	03	Chandigarh	35	16

Nine of 10 worst Covid-hit dists are in Maha

Govt says rise in cases in Maharashtra, Punjab matter of concern; 88% of deaths in age group of 45 years & above

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

FLAGGING the Covid-19 situation in Maharashtra and Punjab, the Centre on Wednesday said the sharp surge in cases in the two states is the cause of "grave concern".

The data shared by the Union Health Ministry showed that among the 10 districts with the highest number of active Covid-19 cases in the country, nine are from Maharashtra. Pune, with over 43,000 active cases is the worst-hit district in India as of now. The other districts with the highest active cases include Nagpur, Mumbai, Thane, Nashik, Aurangabad, Bengaluru Urban, Nanded, Jalgaon and Akola.

Overall, 47,262 fresh Covid-19 cases were reported in the country on Tuesday of which 61 per cent or nearly 27,000 were from Maharashtra. A total of 275 deaths were also reported in a day, the highest single-day causality registered this year.

At a press briefing, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said Punjab was another state of grave concern as considering its low population compared to many other states, a very high number of cases are being reported by it.

On Tuesday, Punjab CM Amarinder Singh had revealed that about 81 per cent of samples in the states had been found positive for the UK variant of the virus. Bhushan said besides Maharashtra and Punjab, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh are also seeing recent surges. Explaining the Centre's decision on opening the vaccination drive to all above the age of 45 years from April 1, he said about 88 per cent of all Covid-19 deaths in the country are taking place among this age group. "The case fatality rate above 45 years is 2.85 per cent," he said.

The age-based approach towards vaccination is recognised by the WHO as well, said V K Paul, member (health), Niti Aayog. "We have enough vaccines. We have a seamless connection with the states. We take stock of the situation every day," he said.

Meanwhile, mentioning the detection of new Covid-19 virus variants in many parts, National Centre for Disease Control director S K Singh said 771 variants of concern have been identified in 18 states. However, no linkage has been established to say that the surge being witnessed is directly because of only mutations.

SPIKE SPARKS CONCERNS

31,855 new cases in Maharashtra on Wednesday, highest single-day spike in state since the outbreak

5,185 new cases registered in Mumbai in 24 hours, the city's biggest ever single-day spike

1,790 new cases reported in Gujarat on Wednesday, highest one-day spike in the state

A health worker takes a compulsory swab sample from a youth as mandated by civic authorities to undergo a Covid-19 coronavirus Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) inside Dharavi slums, in Mumbai | AFP

PROBE AGAINST DESHMUKH

Petition 'serious', SC asks former top cop to move HC

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

NOTING that 'police reform' is a mantra that's recited periodically but never implemented, the Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to entertain former Mumbai Police commissioner **Param Bir Singh's (left)** petition seeking CBI probe into "corrupt malpractices" by Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh and asked him to approach the Bombay HC.

A bench headed by Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and R Subhash Reddy agreed that the contentions raised in Singh's plea are serious in nature and affect the public at large. "We have no doubt that the matter is quite serious and affects the administration at large," the bench said, but added that the high court was the appropriate forum to file such a petition. The court gave Singh the liberty to move a fresh plea before the Bombay High Court.

The court further observed that a "lot of material which has come in public domain is a consequence of the personas falling out".

During the hearing, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Singh, referred to the Supreme Court verdict in Prakash Singh case which dealt with police reforms. To this, the bench said, "This is only a mantra recited periodically, wherever the occasion so suits, and there has been no seriousness by all concerned to ever implement the directions enshrined in the judgment. These directions were based on the principle of insulating police machinery from political/executive interference to make it more efficient and to strengthen the rule of law. It appears that none want to give up, inter alia, the control of police transfers or implement measures that would insulate the police machinery from performing its role without any uncalled for interference."

During the hearing, the court observed that the parties in the matter were "hunky-dory" for a long time and now, since they have fallen out, "he is making some allegation, the minister is also making some allegation".

NIA invokes UAPA against Sachin Waze

The NIA on Wednesday said it has invoked provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the Antilia explosives scare case, in which suspended police officer Sachin Waze is an accused. A Thane court directed the ATS to stop its probe into the death of businessman Mansukh Hiren and hand over case records to the NIA immediately.

Give 3-day notice to Arnab in case of his arrest: HC

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Wednesday directed the Mumbai Police to give the advance notice of three days to Republic TV's editor Arnab Goswami if it wanted to arrest him in the TRP scam case.

A bench of Justices SS Shinde and Manish Pitale also dismissed the submission of state counsel Deepak Thakre that Goswami had to face the investigation and could not claim any special status. The bench noted the police had been investigating the case for three months now and was yet to name Goswami as an accused in the case. The bench asked the police that complete the probe against Republic TV within 12 weeks. The order comes in the petition filed by ARG Outlier Media (holding company of Republic TV channels) challenging the criminal proceedings initiated against its channel and employees in the TRP scam case.

Goswami's counsel Ashok Mundargi had argued that the criminal law in the country did not provide for the police to name someone merely as a suspect and not name him or her as an accused in the charge sheet. The HC will hear the matter on June 28. *ENS*

Mufti to appear before ED for questioning today

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

PDP president **Mehbooba Mufti** will appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Srinagar on Thursday to face questioning in connection with a money-laundering case, sources in the party said.

Mehbooba did not appear before the agency in Delhi on Monday, saying that she had prior commitments that could not be cancelled. She requested the ED officials to question her in Srinagar and not in Delhi and her request was accepted, the sources said. The 61-year-old leader, who was released last year after more than a year in detention following the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, was served a notice to appear at the ED headquarters in the national capital.

On March 19, the Delhi High Court had refused to stay summons issued to her after she moved the court seeking quashing of the summons in the case. The ED, which had earlier summoned Mufti on March 15, had not insisted on her personal appearance at that time.

"I write to you in reference to the summons issued to me to be present at your Delhi office on March 22. I have challenged in the Delhi High Court the constitutional vires of Section 50 of the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act), under which these summons are issued," she said in a letter to the ED. Section 50 of the PMLA empowers the authority, that is, officers of the ED, to summon any person to give evidence or produce records. Persons summoned are bound to answer the questions put to them and to produce documents as required by the ED officers, failing which they can be penalised under the PMLA.

"I am not in a position to attend the summon on 22nd March as I have prior commitments that cannot be cancelled at such short notice," she wrote.

Three held for college student's murder in UP

LUCKNOW: Three persons were arrested on Wednesday in connection with the murder of a 20-year-old college student whose decomposed body was found near a canal in Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh a day before.

Hari Om Singh was studying in the law college run by former Union minister Chinmayanand's trust, Mumukshu Ashram, and had gone missing after appearing for his third semester exams on March 19.

"We were searching for the student after his family filed a 'missing' FIR on March 20.

"On Tuesday, we recovered his body near a canal in the forest area of Katra. There were multiple injuries on the body indicating it was a murder," said Shahjahanpur Superintendent of Police S Anand, adding that some of the classmates of the victim were taken into custody.

During questioning, one of them told police that they killed Hari Om because he had molested his girlfriend. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Court issues summons to Chidambaram, Karti

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Wednesday issued summons to former Union minister P Chidambaram and his son Karti in the INX Media money-laundering case on taking cognisance of the charge sheet filed by the ED against them. Special Judge M K Nagpal issued summons against the Congress leader, his son and others directing them to appear before court on April 7. The court said there was sufficient material to proceed against the Chidambarams, Karti's CA S S Bhaslararaman and others.

UP govt gets HC notice in Kafeel Khan case

Lucknow: The Allahabad High Court has issued a notice to Uttar Pradesh government seeking its response on a petition filed by Dr Kafeel Khan demanding the court to get the criminal proceedings against him quashed in connection with his allegedly inflammatory speeches delivered during the anti-CAA stir at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in mid-December 2019. The single judge bench sought the response from the state government posting the matter for April 6 for the next hearing.

Maha to take legal route

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ACCORDING to a minister who attended the meeting, the state government will take the legal course. "A strict message has to be sent to officers who go against the state. Besides, officers with links to the BJP and RSS should be identified to take action against them for leaking information to the Opposition," he said. The Cabinet meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, NCP state president Jayant Patil, and Congress' Balasaheb Thorat.

Earlier, in a purported 'clean-up drive', the Maharastra government had on Tuesday night transferred 86 police officers including 65 from the Mumbai crime branch, many of whom reportedly close to Singh and suspended assistant police inspector Sachin Waze, who is in NIA custody for his alleged role in the Antilia explosives scare case.

The NIA said on Wednesday it has has invoked UAPA provisions against Waze.

Manipur Congress MLAs seek recall of Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A delegation of Congress MLAs from Manipur on Wednesday met President Ram Nath Kovind seeking to either recall Governor **Najma Heptulla** or ensure that she discharges her constitutional duties, alleging that she has been sitting on the party's demand of disqualifying 12 BJP MLAs and not deciding the matter expeditiously.

The delegation said the 12 MLAs were appointed as Parliamentary secretaries and it was challenged in the high court which in its judgment declared the appointment as unconstitutional and illegal. "We had submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Manipur and the Governor sought the opinion of the ECI. The ECI has already given its opinion to the Governor in January. Till now, the Governor is sitting on the opinion and her decision for the last three months. We have requested her for an appointment and she has not given an appointment to us," the delegation informed Kovind.

Manipur PCC chief Govindas Konthoujam alleged that the Constitution has been violated in Manipur, since the formation of the government.

CENSORSHIP

Blocking of URLs jumped by nearly 20 times in five years, says govt

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

THE blocking of URLs by the government surged by nearly 20 times between the year 2015 and 2020. The number of blocked URLs was 500 in 2015, while it crossed 9,800 in 2020, Sanjay Dhotre, minister of state for the IT Ministry, informed Parliament on Wednesday.

The information by the Ministry of IT has come at a time when debate on censorship on social media contents is at its peak. "The government has directed for blocking of 500, 633, 1,385, 2,799, 3,635 and 9,849 number of URLs during the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively under the provision of section 69A of the IT Act, 2000," he said in a written reply before the Lok Sabha. The blocked URLs also include those of Facebook and Twitter. According to an earlier reply in the Lok Sabha, 1,717 Facebook and 2,731 Twitter URLs were blocked in 2020.

Information/websites/URLs can be blocked under Section 69A of that Act, on matters relating to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign states or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognizable offence relating to the above, he said.

The ministry said cyberspace is a complex environment of people, software, hardware and services on the Internet. "With borderless cyberspace coupled with the possibility of instant communication and anonymity along with technological advancement the reach of social media for interaction has increased globally. Because of such features, specifically the option to remain anonymous, certain miscreants use abusive language on social media platforms."

In a first, Special Forces to demonstrate its prowess

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE Indian Army for the first time will let its air-borne Special Forces (SF) demonstrate their operational prowess of the size of a battalion, that too in front of a visiting foreign dignitary.

It will be capability demonstration of the parachute brigade at Agra Cantonment in front of South Korean Defence Minister Suh Wook on March 27, said an army officer.

"This will be a battalion size demonstration in which the troopers will be lining up with their complete special operations heavy equipment load, including the infantry combat vehicle and artillery guns," the officer added. It will also have the support components like the para field ambulance and other auxiliary for such special units. Wook is arriving on a three-day visit to India on Thursday. He will be holding high-level talks with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia (retd) said: "Air-borne forces are meant to address the operational strategic value targets behind the enemy lines to turn the enemy flank and also creating decision dilemma into the mind of the enemy's leadership." The SFs are trained and equipped to accomplish high-value aims and are secretive about their operational training and skills.

Wear mask or face fine, say district authorities

With Covid-19 cases surging in Srinagar, the district administration has advised people to strictly follow the SOPs and protocols formulated by the government to control the spread of pandemic. The administration has decided to act tough against those who are found without face masks and violating other protocols in the capital city. The administration has decided to impose a fine on people who travel without wearing masks. On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Aijaz Asad, the administration has decided to conduct Covid-19 tests of people not wearing masks.

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SRINAGAR DIARY

Chief engineer booked for corruption

The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a disproportionate assets case against Manhar Gupta, chief engineer (projects), Power Development Department (JPDCL), Jammu. The case was registered after a preliminary inquiry conducted by the ACB found that Gupta had amassed assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Manhar, according to the ACB, was found to have acquired numerous immovable and movable assets in his name as well in the name of his family members. Besides, bank deposits, investment in insurance companies, jewellery in the bank lockers belonging to him and his family were also discovered. The assets possessed and the expenditure incurred by Manhar and his family were found disproportionate to his known source of income.

Kashmir University's annual festival begins

The University of Kashmir's annual literary and cultural festival "Sonzal-2021" began on Tuesday. The university has been organising the festival every year to provide a platform for its students to showcase their talent and foster a culture of interaction. The eight-day festival includes literary and cultural activities besides competitions in 25 events including painting, Islamic calligraphy, collage, debate, poster-making, spot photography, poetry recitation, Bollywood singing and Western vocals, cartoon making and Mehandi design.

Crackdown on brick kiln owners fleecing buyers

The administration has launched a crackdown on brick kiln owners selling bricks at exorbitant rates. Most of the brick kilns operate in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The administration has fixed the rate at `21,000 per 3,000 bricks. The rate includes all taxes but is exclusive of transportation cost. However, it was found that the kiln owners were selling their product at much higher rates. After receiving numerous complaints, deputy commissioner of Budgam asserted that no brick kiln owner shall be permitted to overcharge costumers. Officials also conducted surprise visits at brick kiln units.

16 terrorists
allied with the Islamic State terror group killed by the Philippine security forces on Wednesday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	9	SNY	Los Angeles	16	9	SNY
Colombo	31	24	TDS	Melbourne	22	14	LC
Dhaka	25	13	SNY	Moscow	6	-1	LC
Dubai	24	16	SNY	New York	20	13	LC
Houston	23	13	LC	Singapore	30	24	LC
Istanbul	7	2	LC	Toronto	14	8	LC
London	13	8	SNY	Washington	23	18	LC

Deadlock after 4th Israeli poll in 2 yrs

Likud party leads, but pro-Netanyahu camp short of 61 seats needed to form government

JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu greets supporters after exit polls were announced on Wednesday | AP

ISRAELIS woke up on Wednesday to find that, after their fourth general election in less than two years, there was still no clear indication of who would form the next government.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party won the most votes, boosting his chances of building a coalition with a majority in the 120-seat Knesset.

But a rival "Anyone but Netanyahu" camp of parties was running neck-and-neck, spelling more uncertainty ahead as the official vote count continues and parties engage in intense horse-trading.

Netanyahu, 71, Israel's longest serving premier after 12 years in power, had hoped that Tuesday's election would finally allow him to unite a stable right-wing coalition behind him, after three inconclusive elections since 2019.

He campaigned on a world-leading coronavirus vaccination effort that has inoculated roughly half of Israel's nine million people, a pace envied by much of the world.

Netanyahu, known as Bibi, also ran on his credentials as a hawkish guarantor of Israeli security who scored the diplomatic coup of establishing relations with several Arab states late last year.

But, once more, Netanyahu was denied a clear-cut victory, even through his Likud scored more than 24 per cent of the vote and handily beat its closest rival, the centrist Yesh Atid, at about 14 per cent.

Netanyahu on election night hailed a "huge win for the right" and said he would welcome all comers to a future coalition. "I will reach out to all elected officials who share our principles," he told supporters. "I will not exclude anyone." That meant Netanyahu would now also be head-hunting individual defectors from the opposing bloc, said political analyst Yaron Dekel.

The anti-Netanyahu camp, meanwhile, also remained hopeful in its quest to form what it called a "sane government". Former television personality Yair Lapid, the opposition leader running Yesh Atid, insisted the anti-Netanyahu bloc had a path to a majority.

"At the moment, Netanyahu doesn't have 61 seats," he told supporters in Tel Aviv. Lapid said he had "started speaking to (other) party leaders and we'll wait for the final results to be out." AFP

Dr Vivek Murthy is US Surgeon General

WASHINGTON

INDIAN-AMERICAN physician Vivek Murthy has been confirmed by the Senate as President Joe Biden's surgeon general, a role in which his top priority would be responding to the coronavirus pandemic that has severely hit the country.

Dr Murthy, 43, would occupy the position of America's Surgeon General for the second time. In 2011, president Barack Obama tapped him to serve on the advisory group on prevention, health promotion, and integrative and public health.

The Senate confirmed his nomination by 57-43 votes.

In 2013, Obama nominated Dr Murthy to be the surgeon general. He was the youngest ever to hold the office at the age of 37.

However, he had to abruptly leave the position during the Trump administration.

As US Surgeon General, Dr Murthy will advise President Biden on the coronavirus pandemic and will be the federal government's leading voice on public health. Seven senators from the opposition Republican Party voted in support of Dr Murthy. He was an adviser to the Biden campaign and transition.

Senator Joe Manchin said that during his previous tenure as Surgeon General, Dr Murthy worked to create a culture of public health promotion grounded in nutrition, physical activity and emotional well-being to help prevent conditions like obesity and diabetes.

During his confirmation hearing in February, he said that seven of his family members in India and US have died due to Covid-19. *PTI*

REFORM

Priti: UK to make changes to its asylum system

LONDON

UK Home Secretary Priti Patel on Wednesday announced a major overhaul of the country's asylum system, which includes tougher measures to break what she described as the business model of people smugglers and remove illegal migrants more easily.

In a speech in the House of Commons, the senior Indian-origin Cabinet minister laid out a "New Plan for Immigration" because she said the current system is becoming overwhelmed, as 1,09,000 claims are sitting in the asylum queue and 42,000 failed asylum seekers have not left the country, despite having their claim refused. The plans have been dubbed the "biggest overhaul of the UK's asylum system in decades".

EXPRESS READ

Bangladesh defends use of fences after Rohingya camp blaze

Dhaka: Bangladesh on Wednesday defended the use of barbed-wire fences around vast camps holding almost a million Rohingya refugees, after a major fire left at least 15 dead and nearly 50,000 homeless. The fences were built in recent months amid a worsening law and order situation in the vast settlements. "I don't believe these fences have hampered rescue efforts. There were enough roads in the camps and our officials, policemen and volunteers were there to rescue them," Bangladesh refugee commissioner Shah Rezwan Hayat said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Marappa & others** have filed petition for the death certificate i.e., my client Marappa's deceased Father i.e., **A.K. Dasa @ Dasappa S/o. Mara @ Marappa was died on 25.10.1965** at Alurududdnahalli Village, Kunchana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of Death Certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing on 26.05.2021 at 11 AM in C.Mis.No.70/2020

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
M. Mahesh Das, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client-Bank, State Bank of India, N.R. Colony Branch, Bangalore, represented by Sri. Amit Kumar, informs me that one of their borrower Sri. M. Devaraj have availed home loan from the Bank in respect of the property bearing Site No. 15, Block 4th Road, Model House Street, Basavangudi, 1st Block, Thayagaraja Nagar, 32nd Division, Bangalore City Corporation, registered as document No. 984/1977-78, Volume No. 1097, Book No. I, in pages 57-59, dated. 17.08.1977, before the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore.

At the time of Mortgage of Deposit Deed, the borrower has deposited all the documents in respect of the property. After completion of the home loan the deceased borrower's son approached the Bank for return of documents during the month of February 2021, while searching the documents, one such document Mother Deed mentioned above has not been traced and it is misplaced during shifting of documents from Basavangudi RACPC to Lalbagh RACPC between 02.05.2018 - 09.05.2018, the same has been misplace/lost in transit. Even after through search the said Mother Deed could not be traced. In this connection the Bank have lodged e-complaint.

If any person/s find the same, please contact the undersigned within 7 days of the publication of this notice.

C. GANGADHAR, Advocate & Notary
(Govt. of India) No. 146 (5), 1st Floor,
Yediyur, Bengaluru - 5600 70.
Mobile No. 9845347074 Date: 23-3-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, hereby notifying the general public and financial institutions that my client **Mr. Solaiyappan,** S/o. Vedlappan, resident of #73, 14th 'C' Cross, G.M Palya, Bengaluru-560075 has intended and negotiated to purchase the schedule property from Smt. Venkatanarasamma, W/o. Late. Venkataswamaiah and her children all are residing at #9, 14th Cross, G.M Palya, Byrasandra Road, Bengaluru 560075. Their family members, financial institutions and the public at large are hereby notified that, if anybody has any objections, claims, charges, lien etc., if any in respect of the schedule property may lodge their objections with documentary proof related upon with the undersigned within **FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.9, situated at **14th Cross, G.M.Palya, Byrasandra Village, Bengaluru - 560075,** measuring East to West: 30-0 feet and North to South: 36-0 feet in all measuring 1080 Sq.Ft and bounded on : **East by** : Site No.10, **West by** : Site No.8, **North by** : Road and **South by** : HAL Compound.

B.Krishnappa Advocate
#11, 8th Cross, 5th Main, G.M.Palya
Bengaluru 560075 Mob: 988068828
Place: Bengaluru Date: 25/03/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my client **Raj Kumar Giri s/o Ranjit Kumar Giri** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein under, from sole owner/seller Lathish.B S/o late Beerappa having purchased the same from M/s. KarnaSree Developers and Builders. The owner/seller represents and warrant that he is the owner of the schedule property and that he has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the owner/seller further represents and warrants that he has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from him no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven(07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Apartment No.103 (2BHK), on Ground Floor, in the residential apartment complex **"MathruSree Silver Oak"** measuring 1230 sqft, SBA in the building being constructed on Sy no.21, measuring 27 guntas, situated at **Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Tq,** under BBMP limits, Ward No.13.

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
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Place: Bengaluru Date: 25/03/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my client **Raj Kumar Giri s/o Ranjit Kumar Giri** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein under, from sole owner/seller Lathish.B S/o late Beerappa having purchased the same from M/s. KarnaSree Developers and Builders. The owner/seller represents and warrant that he is the owner of the schedule property and that he has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the owner/seller further represents and warrants that he has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from him no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven(07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Apartment No.103 (2BHK), on Ground Floor, in the residential apartment complex **"MathruSree Silver Oak"** measuring 1230 sqft, SBA in the building being constructed on Sy no.21, measuring 27 guntas, situated at **Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Tq,** under BBMP limits, Ward No.13.

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016
Mobile : 9900056401
Bengaluru Date : 25-03-2021

TMC PANCHAYATH, GUDIBANDE

Tender Notification Number:TPG/ಜಾಹೀ/CR/12/2020-21 Date: 18.03.2021

Documentation Through E-Procurement Portal KW-1 & KG-1,

Tenders have been invited from qualified contractors by e-procurement portal to undertake following works under the 15th Financial Plan 2020-21. Work Indent No's: (INDENT: 108879, 108827, 108868, 108876 (2nd Call), INDENT: 11802, 11798, 11804, 114847, 114879, 114852). The Last date of receipt of the tender and opening date of the tender is available in the e-procurement portal. More information can be found at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** website.

Sd/-
Chief Officer,
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/SHIRDISAI/386/2020-21 **Town Panchayath, Gudibande.**

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
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HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
O/o the Deputy Director of Horticulture,
Sri Chamarajendra Park (Cubbon Park) Cubbon Park, Bengaluru.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ತೋಉನಿ.ಕಲು:ದಿನಿ2:54:2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22-03-2021

BRIEF SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Deputy Director of Horticulture, Sri Chamarajendra Park (Cubbon Park), Bengaluru invites Short Term Biannual Re-e-Tender in Two Cover System through e-Procurement Portal for Arrangement of Flowers & Arrangement of Single Flower**in the flower pots at the chambers of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers & Dignataries** at Vidhana Soudha. Further information may be had from Website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
1) Approximate Amount of Tender: **Rs. 40.00 Lakhs. 2)** Cost of Application Form: Application Fee shall be paid as directed in **"e" Procurement Government of Karnataka**, Bengaluru. **3)** E.M.D: **Rs. 1,00,,000/-** shall be paid in favour of **"e" Procurement Government of Karnataka. 4)** Last date for submission of Tender: **05.04.2021 upto 5.00 PM. 5)** Pre Bid Conference: **on 30.03.2021, Time 12.00 - 1.00 PM. 6)** Date of Opening of Technical Tender Forms: **07.04.2021 at 11.00 AM. 7)** Date of Opening of Financial Tender: **09.04.2021 at 11.00 AM.** Tender authority will have the right to accept or reject the tender.

Sd/- Deputy Director of Horticulture
DIPR/DDU/Adverto/3223/2020-21 **Sri Chamarajendra Park (Cubbon Park), Bengaluru**

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KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Financial Adviser, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom - Thiruvananthapuram

KSEBL invites expression of interest from experienced Chartered accountant/ Cost Accountant Firms for engagement as Auditor for conducting GST Audit for the Financial Year 2019-20 as stipulated under section 35(5) of the CGST Act, 2017. Last date for the submission of the EOI to the office of the undersigned is 03.04.2021 at 5.p.m. For details and format for offer visit www.kseb.in
Visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** & **www.kseb.in**
Ref. PR /MC1 /F185/ E- Tender /2021

TELANGANA FOODS (GOVT. OF TS ENTERPRISE)
(An ISO 22000:2005 Certified Company)
Road No.14, IDA, Nacharam, Hyderabad-500076. Telangana, India.
Email:stores.tsfoods@gmail.com Website:tfoods.telangana.gov.in GST No:36AAATA4938R1Z6

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Ref.No.TF/PUR/MACH/1121/2020-2021, Date:24.03.2021

Telangana Foods is inviting tenders for the following: **1.** Procurement of Ribbon Blender. **2.** Procurement of VFFS Packing Machine. **3.** Procurement of Roots Blower.
Note: Full Tender Notification details can be seen and downloaded from website: **https://tender.telangana.gov.in** from **25.03.2021 at 02.00 P.M.** onwards and Bid Submission Closing date & time: **10.04.2021 at 01.00 P.M.**
R.O.No.:1620-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21, Date:24.03.2021 Sd/- **General Manager**

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF TRADE, COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES

NOTICE FOR CORRIGENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Imphal, the 23rd March, 2021

No. L-244/IND/2019 : In pursuance of Government approval conveyed vide letter No. IP-202/2/2020-TCI-T.C&I dated 22nd March, 2021 Corrigendum to the Request for Proposal (RfP) for Selection of Consultant and Software development Firm for implementation of State Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2020-21, District Reforms Action Plan 2020-21 and Online Single Window Clearance System for Government of Manipur is hereby notified and is available in the website **https://manipurtenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
(Lourembam Bikram)
Director of Trade, Commerce & Industries
Manipur

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE
(RACPC-04) WHITE FIELD (17753)
No.117, Ground Floor, Neil Rao Towers, Road No.3, EPIP Phase 1, White Field Road, Bengaluru-560066
E - mail: sbi.17753@sbi.co.in **Phone:080-28411010/28411020**

A/c No: HL-35319776165, Suraksha- 35319873409

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) Notice U/Sec 13 (4)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as Mentioned below, calling upon the Borrower/Mortgager /Guarantor/Legal Heirs as Mentioned below, to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice as mentioned below along with further interest & other charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor/Legal Heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers/guarantor/mortgagor/Legal Heirs as mentioned below and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the said rules as for possession notice dated as mentioned below the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor/Legal Heirs in particular and the public general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for an amount mentioned as below and along with interest and charges thereon,as applicable, till the date of realization of dues.

Borrower: 1) Smt. J Ruby W/o L. John, 2) Smt. L. Louisa W/o H Mariya.
Demand Notice Date: 13.01.2021 **Possession Notice Date:** 22.03.2021. Amount: **Rs 34,29,003/-(Rupees:Thirty Four Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Three Only)** on as 13.01.2021. and interest from 22.03.2021 & expenses thereon.
Description of the property 2: All that part and parcel of the Northern Portion of House Property bearing Old Site No.116 & 117, Corporation No.309, old Katha No. 310/347**A,** HASB No.837/322, Previously situated at Mottappanapalya, H.A. Sanitary Board Area, Bangalore and now assigned as Corporation Muncipal New No.309, PID No. 72-21-309, Prasently Situated at Mottappanapalya Bangalore, Ward No.72, Now comes under BBMP Limits Banaglore, Measuring E-W 40 feet and N-S 16.5 feet, Totally 660 Sq. feet. along with Ground floor 540 Sq.feet and First floor 540 Sq.feet, RCC roofed building Property Standing in the name of Smt. J. Ruby, W/o L. John
Bounded On: East by: Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Private property No.115 , **South by:** Remaining portion of the Schedule property.

Place: Bangaluru
Date: 25.03.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA, (RACPC-04).

'Form No. URC- 2'
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act (Pursuant to Section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014)

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Central Registration Center (CRC) that M/s Venkateshwara Developers, a partnership firm, may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013, as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:
a) To purchase and sell any land or immovable properties or any right or interest therein, either singly or jointly or in partnership, with any person(s), or Body Corporate or Partnership Firm;
b) To develop and construct thereon residential, commercial complex or complex(es), either singly or jointly or in partnership as aforesaid, comprising offices for sale or self-use or for earning rental income thereon by letting out individual units comprised in such building(s);
c) Development of townships;
d) Manufacturing of building materials;
e) Financing of housing development.
3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at No. 10/1, Lakshminarayana Complex, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bangalore – 560001.
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code -122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Date: 24/03/2021
For Venkateshwara Developers
Sd/-
P Ravindra Pai
Bharath K S
H Yashawanth Shenoy

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE
(RACPC-IV) WHITE FIELD (17753)
No.117, Ground Floor, Neil Rao Towers, Road No.3, EPIP Phase 1, White Field Road, Bengaluru-560066
E - mail: sbi.17753@sbi.co.in **Phone:080-28411010/28411020**

A/c No: HL-32740398487 & 36784531626, Suraksha- 32740536235

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Borrower: 1) Sri. Pramod Mani Raj S/o Sri. Mani , 2) Smt. Rajitha Pramod W/o Pramod Mani Raj.
Demand Notice Date:13.01.2021 **Possession Notice Date:** 22.03.2021. Amount: **Rs 36,48,057/-(Rupees:Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Fifty Seven Only)** on as 21.03.2021. and interest from 22.03.2021 & expenses thereon.
Description of the property : All that part and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.303, Property No:15020020 2500220312 on the third floor in the Block / Wing " EI" of Residential Apartment complex know as : PROVIDENT WELL WORTH CITY", Constructed on the schedule A Property, super built up area 1180 Sq feet,(Which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the Apartments and proportionate share in all common area and club house areas, and stilt reserved car parking space, Property standing in the name of Sri. Pramod Mani Raj S/o Sri. Mani.
Bounded On: East by: Land in Sy No.160,Doddaballapur Road, land in Sy Nos162,163,164,40 and 41. **West by:** Land in Sy Nos,41,29,30/7(P),31/4(P),31/3(P),31/2(P),31/1(P),34/1 (P) **North by:** Land in Sy Nos.37,38 and 160, **South by:** Land in Sy No.41 and 29

Place: Bangaluru
Date: 25.03.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA, (RACPC-IV).

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A/c No: HL-38466474527 & 38466476400, Suraksha- 38488047351 & 38488094492

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Borrower: Sri. F Robert S/o Sri. Antony Arul Francis, Co-applicant:Sri. F Antony Kumar S/o Sri. Antony Arul Francis, Demand Notice Date: 19.01.2021**Possession Notice Date:** 23.03.2021. Amount: **Rs 92,47,471/-(Rupees: Ninety Two Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy One Only)** on as 21.03.2021.and interst from 22.03.2021& expenses thereon.
Description of the property 1: All that part and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No:123**, having E-Katha No.150200102701021102,Situated in Ground floor of the building, measuring about 942 Sq. feet of super built up area consisting of 1 bed room with RCC roofing, Tiled flooring , Molded Doors and Aluminum Windows including proportionate share in common area such as Passage, Lobbies, Stair case, Lifts and other area of common use contained in the Residential Apartment complex known as "PUSHPAM E-TOWN" constructed on the Schedule A property with 1 covered Car parking space exclusively earmarked for the soul use and enjoyment of the purchaser only property standing in the. Name of Sri. F Robert S/o Sri. Antony Arul Francis
Bounded On: East by:OTS, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Apartment No.124, **South by:** Common Corridor.

Description of the property 2: All that part and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No:**224, having E-Katha No.150200102701021114,Situated in First floor of the building, measuring about 1208 Sq. feet of super built up area consisting of 2 bed room with RCC roofing, Tiled flooring , Molded Doors and Aluminum Windows including proportionate share in common area such as Passage, Lobbies, Stair case, Lifts and other area of common use contained in the Residential Apartment complex known as "PUSHPAM E-TOWN" constructed on the Schedule A property with 1 covered Car parking space exclusively earmarked for the soul use and enjoyment of the purchaser only property standing in the Name of Sri. F Antony Kumar S/o Sri. Antony Arul Francis.
Bounded On: East by: Apartment No209, **West by:** OTS Road, **North by:** OTS Road, **South by:** Apartment.

Place: Bangaluru
Date: 25.03.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA, (RACPC-IV).

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
871.13 ▼	Sensex	49,180.31	₹12 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,488	₹687 ▼	Per kg	₹65,100	▼ Dollar	72.55
265.35 ▼	Nifty	14,549.4	₹12 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,470	₹0.7 ▼	Per gm	₹65.1	▼ Euro	85.87

No risk of rating downgrade, FM tells Parliament

Experts around the world are recommending higher spending to boost economies: FM

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India enjoys an investment-grade rating and we are not foreseeing any change or any chance of a downgrade due to us incurring higher deficits

Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday told MPs in Parliament that there was no risk of India's sovereign rating being downgraded as a result of higher deficits. Wednesday saw the Rajya Sabha return the Finance Bill 2021 without suggesting any change in a move that completes the Parliamentary approval for Union Budget 2021-22.

On Tuesday, the Lok Sabha had approved the Finance Bill 2021—the tax proposals for the next fiscal year—after certain amendments including raising the provident fund ceiling for tax-free interest to ₹5 lakh and allowing platforms such as Amazon to not be liable for the equalisation levy as long as the goods and services listed are owned or provided by an Indian permanent establishment of the overseas entity. The Upper House debated the bill on Wednesday, but returned it without suggesting any change or amendment.

During the debate, Sitharaman said that the government does not "see a risk of" a sovereign rating downgrade. "India enjoys an investment-grade rating and we are not foreseeing any change or any chance of a downgrade due to us incurring higher deficits," she said. Noting that economists and rating agencies are of the opinion that governments need to spend to put pandemic-hit economies back on track. "So, globally, that is the advice everybody is receiving and we are also following. So it shouldn't hurt our rating," she pointed out.

On GST compensation to be paid to states following the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the minister said there are no dues pending for period prior to the pandemic. For 2020-21, ₹2.17 lakh crore is due and money was borrowed and given to states, she said, adding that over ₹30,000 crore will be released to states within March.

CCI to probe 'exploitative' new WhatsApp policy

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S competition watchdog CCI has ordered a probe into Whatsapp's updated privacy policy, following prima facie findings that the messaging service company has contravened various provisions of Section 4 of the Competition Act through "exploitative and exclusionary" conduct under the garb of a policy update.

A thorough and detailed investigation is required to ascertain the full extent, scope and impact of data sharing through involuntary consent of users, CCI said in an order issued on Wednesday. The DG is to complete the investigation within 60 days.

According to the CCI, both Whatsapp and its parent firm Facebook have not made elaborate disclosures of the new privacy policy to users who are entitled to be informed about the extent, scope, and precise purpose of sharing of data by WhatsApp with other Facebook Companies. Being in a dominant position in the Over-the-top (OTT) messaging market, CCI observed that the firm could potentially abuse its market leadership with the updated policy. It also noted that despite the surge in downloads of rival messaging apps like Signal and Telegram, there was no significant loss of users experienced by Whatsapp. The US firm has now deferred the implementation of the updated privacy policy in India till May, 2021.

Under GoI scanner for policy update

Whatsapp has already come under the scanner of the electronics and IT ministry for "differential treatment". Meity has sought the withdrawal of the proposed measures

Whatsapp has already come under the scanner of the electronics and information technology ministry (Meity) for its "differential treatment". Meity has sought the withdrawal of the proposed measures and filed a counter-affidavit in the Delhi High Court seeking a stop to the update.

The CCI noted that in comparison to its earlier policy updates, where users were granted an opt-in/opt-out choice, user consent has not been sought in the 2021 update. Whatsapp has maintained that the primary purpose of the update is to provide users further transparency on how the company collects, uses and shares data; and to inform users about how certain new business features work.

MARKETS SEE WORST FALL IN A MONTH AS CASES RISE

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871 pts
fall in BSE Sensex

Lockdown fears

To curtail the surge in Covid-19 cases, investors are concerned that state governments may be forced to announce lockdowns

CONTINUING their volatile run, benchmark indices fell sharply on Wednesday. The BSE Sensex plunged 871 points to close at 49,180 while the 50-stock NSE Nifty fell 267 points to close at 14,549. The fall was primarily attributed to a record surge in Covid-19 cases and weak cues from global markets.

"Today was a bad day for the market. The breadth of the market was extremely poor. About two-third of the listed stocks were down as well as all sectoral indices closed in negative territory," said Shrikant Chouhan, Executive Vice President, Equity Technical Research at Kotak Securities. He added that Thursday, which is ahead of the March 2021 F&O expiry, could likely see the market in a turmoil phase with the Nifty and Sensex potentially falling to the 14350-14250 and 48580-48300 levels respectively.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said that the Indian market witnessed across-the-board selling amidst high volatility owing to weak global cues and the spike in Covid cases. "All sectors barring pharma witnessed selling as second and third wave infections in India and Europe, respectively, are bound to hamper economic recovery. Reports of a potential tax hike in the US also impacted the market sentiment".

India on Wednesday recorded 47,262 fresh Covid-19 cases in a day, the highest single-day spike so far this year. A new "double mutant variant" of SARS-CoV-2 has also been detected in India. To curtail this surge, more states are expected to see the implemention of local lockdowns.

On Wednesday, Mahindra & Mahindra was the biggest loser, followed by banking stocks such as SBI, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank. Weightage-wise, Reliance Industries (RIL), ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank.

EXPRESS READ

Income tax refunds worth ₹2.13L cr issued

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department on Wednesday said it has issued refunds worth over ₹2.13 lakh crore to 2.24 crore taxpayers so far this fiscal. This include Personal income tax (PIT) refunds amounting to ₹79,483 crore and corporate tax refunds amounting to ₹1.34 lakh crore during the period between April 1, 2020 and March 22, 2021.

Canara Bank to auction 2,000 properties

New Delhi: State-run lender Canara Bank on Wednesday said it is organising an auction of 2,000 borrower properties in its possession on Friday. The properties, which include residential flats, apartments, independent houses, industrial lands, commercial complexes, office spaces and vacant lands, will be sold through an e-auction, it said.

Srinivasan to step down as TVS Motor chairman in 2023, Speth to succeed

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

RALF Speth, former CEO of Jaguar Land Rover, has joined Chennai-based TVS Motor Company's Board of Directors and will take over as Chairman in January 2023, when current chairman Venu Srinivasan will step down.

"Venu Srinivasan, Chairman of TVS Motor Company, who has built the company from 1980 to being among the top 5 global manufacturers of two and three-wheelers, will become Chairman Emeritus effective January 2023," TVS said in a statement on Wednesday.

The appointment of Speth comes at a time when TVS is rapidly expanding in international markets and ramping up its presence in the fast growing premium motorcycle segment. TVS had last year also completed the acquisition of iconic British brand Norton and is expected to foray into cruiser segment with Zeppelin later this year. Additionally, the company has plans to increase its presence in electric mobility space.

"It is a momentous occasion for TVS Motor Company to welcome Ralf to its Board. His passion for technology, eye for products and commitment to building brands are truly remarkable. His thoughts will add immensely to TVS Motor as the company shapes itself for the future," said Srinivasan.

Kuok Meng Xiong, a scion of the Kuok Group and the founder of K3 Ventures, has been made an Independent Director. "MX brings a unique mix of strong corporate values and a clear vision of the future digital world," said Srinivasan.

CAPITAL

Social media firm Public raises ₹300 cr

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AFTER Twitter lookalike Koo, another desi social media network Public has raised funding from investors. A location-based social media platform, Public said that it has raised ₹300 crore in funding from A91 Partners with participation from existing investors. Public had raised ₹260 crore in funding led by Addition, along with SIG and Tanglin Venture Partners, six months ago.

Like Koo, Public also claims to have a huge userbase of government officials and public representatives, besides professionals who communicate using location-based features. Last month, amidst a Twitter-government standoff, India's union ministers had come out strongly in support of Koo to promote local companies. Both Koo and Public have also enabled the usage of regional languages on the platform to reach out to non-English speaking users—a largely under-penetrated market.

Azhar Iqubal, Founder & CEO, Public App said, "With more than 50 million active users in India, we first aim to connect the hyper-local communities of Bharat and later make the product Global." The latest fundraise will be utilised towards scaling up tech infrastructure, content offerings, and employee base. "While regional India is using Public to connect to their localities, many brands have also started to use it" Iqubal said.

The newly launched BMW 220i Sport comes with a 2-litre petrol engine | EXPRESS

BMW introduces 220i Sport priced at ₹37.9 lakh

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GERMAN luxury carmaker BMW on Wednesday announced the launch of the new version of its 2 Series Gran Coupe in India. The model comes with price tag of ₹37.9 lakh (ex-showroom).

Locally-produced at BMW Group's Chennai plant, the new 220i Sport petrol variant will be available at dealerships from Wednesday onwards, the company said.

"The addition of the 'Sport' variant to the successful BMW 2 Series Gran Coupe model line-up, presents an excellent value proposition along with attractive features," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah added. With petrol models growing in popularity in the premium segment, the new 220i Sport will be a good choice for buyers, Pawah noted.

The coupe comes with a two-litre petrol engine churning out 190 hp enabling it to accelerate from 0 -100 km per hour in 7.1 seconds. It also comes with various features including sport seats (for the driver and front passenger) and ambient light with an illuminated interior trim.

TODAY'S STOCK PICKS

SBI CARDS	HUL
Current Price ₹921.35	Current Price ₹2,318.15
Target Price ₹1,200	Target Price ₹2,690

SBICARD has demonstrated a strong track record of growing its card book/earnings, enabling it to strengthen its lead as the second largest card player. While COVID-19 has disrupted growth, recovery has been fairly sharp and retail spends have exceeded pre-COVID levels. Note: This MOSL view had been erroneously published under a different heading in the March 24th, 2021 issue of this publication.

The structural and near-term investment case for HUVR remains strong after the company reported in-line operating performance for 3QFY21. HUVR's best-of-breed analytics and execution capabilities (demonstrated via the successful implementation of the WIMI strategy, cost-saving plans, herbals, etc.) are key factors driving the pace of earnings growth.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Volvo bullish about truck sales in India, expects 30-40% growth next fiscal year

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

VOLVO India is bullish about its truck sales in the Indian market and expects a 30 per cent to 40 per cent growth in this category during the next financial year (FY2021-22).

Speaking to this publication, Kamal Bali, MD, Volvo Group India said that its medium, light, and heavy trucks were doing well and that they have achieved pre-Covid sales levels. Bali added that the increase in industrial and mining activity will act as growth drivers and boost sales.

The company is equally hopeful about the growth in its construction equipment business. The sector is doing fairly well, Bali said, adding that construction activity in government projects was carrying on in full swing. Volvo has strengthened its product portfolio to cater to the demand.

"The government is investing in different infrastructure development projects like Bharatmala which is bringing in more business for our construction equipment sector," explained Bali. "Almost 40 per cent of our revenue comes from the truck segment while construction equipment currently contributes around 25 per cent. But we are hopeful that in the next financial year, the revenue share of the construction equipment business will be around 35 per cent to 40 per cent," he said.

Volvo also expects its overall India business to grow next fiscal since, except bus sales, other segments are performing well. "We will be strengthening our business in the Indian market," said Bali, "Bus sales are still down since public transport is yet to return to normalcy, but that will not affect our overall growth since the contribution of bus sales to our revenue is very marginal," he added.

FORECAST

GDP growth expected at 12.8% in FY22

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FITCH Ratings has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth for the next financial year beginning April 1 to 12.8 per cent from its previous estimate of 11 per cent. According to the ratings agency, India's recovery from the depths of the lockdown-induced recession has been swifter than expected.

In its latest Global Economic Outlook (GEO), Fitch said the revision comes due to "a stronger carryover effect, a looser fiscal stance, and better virus containment." "India's second half of 2020 rebound also took GDP back above its pre-pandemic level and we have revised up our 2021-2022 forecast to 12.8 per cent from 11.0 per cent," the agency observed.

"Nevertheless, we expect the level of Indian GDP to remain well below our pre-pandemic forecast trajectory." GDP growth had surpassed the pre-pandemic level in the December quarter, growing at 0.4 per cent year-on-year, after having contracting 7.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

"The rapid pace of expansion at the end of 2020 was powered by falling virus cases and the gradual rollback of restrictions," Fitch noted.

VIRTUAL MONEY

Tesla customers can pay for their cars with Bitcoin: Elon Musk

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ELECTRIC carmaker Tesla has started accepting Bitcoin as an alternate mode of payment, thus becoming the first major automaker to trade in the popular cryptocurrency in exchange for its products.

At present, the option to pay in bitcoin is available only in the United States. But, this facility will be available outside the US later in 2021, said Tesla CEO Elon Musk.

2021 is also the year when Tesla is expected to launch its first product in India. According to reports, the Tesla Model 3 will be the company's first car in the Indian market and it may carry a price tag of around $70,000.

However, the future of cryptocurrencies remain uncertain in India. The Centre is mulling imposing a ban on crypto-currency (including Bitcoin) trading, mining, and investments in the country and a bill for the same has already been proposed in Parliament recently. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had also recently said that the Reserve Bank is concerned that cryptocurrencies may impact India's financial stability. RBI has plans to launch its own e-currency.

The value of bitcoin surpassed the $60,000 mark earlier this month, having nearly doubled in value this year. Its value rose over 4 per cent on Wednesday to $56,802 after Musk made his announcement.

Bitcoin paid to Tesla will be retained as bitcoin and not converted to fiat currency. "Tesla is using only internal & open source software & operates Bitcoin nodes directly...Bitcoin paid to Tesla will be retained as Bitcoin, not converted to fiat currency," Musk said.

Tesla had last month announced a $1.5 billion investment in Bitcoin.

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Saina and Srikanth make winning starts

London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal crushed Ireland's Rachael Darragh 21-9, 21-5 in the women's singles opening round at the Orleans Masters in Paris on Wednesday. Kidambi Srikanth, seeded number one, entered the third round with a 21-15, 21-10 win over compatriot Ajay Jayaram.

Chaos and mismanagement at para meet in Bengaluru

Nationals witness mobile phone lights used as homing device to guide participants and officials in darkness, breach of Covid protocols

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

Para-athletes during the nationals in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

ORGANISERS have moved heaven and earth to conduct sporting events amid the pandemic. Bio-bubbles, Covid-19 protocols, banning fans on-site, creating no-go zones and employing consultants to protect the sanctity of the bubble... you name a measure and organisers have employed those.

On Wednesday, the increasingly beleaguered Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), unveiled a novel measure of their own to keep live sport going. They breached Covid-19 protocols and held at least one event using car headlights as a homing device to guide participants and officials in semi-Bengaluru darkness. It's not just bizarre, it's simply surreal.

One of the athletes who participated in the event was surprised by the whole episode. "My event was scheduled at around 4pm," said an athlete. "After a long wait, it started around 7.15pm. And it was not easy to see anything. Even the guys measuring the throws were using mobile phone lights to take record of throws. What surprised me is that they made me to complete only three throws instead of six."

It was the latest in a series of episodes that has put the PCI in a spot of bother.

The last minute shift of the competition from Chennai to the Garden City led to hassle among the para-athletes, leading to a headache on both sides. On Wednesday morning, Covid-19 norms were flouted, which was brought to the notice of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) as well, especially by some of the para-athletes gathered at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium for registration in the morning. Even those who did not have any event on the day reached the venue to know about other details, leading to overcrowding. SAI, hence, sought a report from the PCI regarding the failure to follow Covid-19 protocols and also the venue not being wheelchair friendly.

Para athlete Arunima Sinha, a Padma Shree, said it was shocking. "It's a joke how things are being managed," she said. "How can an athlete compete when there is no light?"

Stung by a statement from the SAI, PCI wrote back with an explanation. "We have already written to the SAI. The main reason for their complaint is with regards to the gathering of athletes together, not maintaining social distance. Because of the Covid guidelines, they were really concerned," said PCI secretary general Gursharan Singh. "In the morning, para-athletes had come for registration while some wanted to know about the finer details of the Championships. And when we addressed their concerns and made them understand, they dispersed within two to three hours."

However, one of the PCI officials informed that athletes were briefed about the protocols. "What can we do when some of them do not listen? It is an individual responsibility as well," he said. The problem did not end there. Some of the athletes in wheelchairs faced difficulties while entering the exact spot to compete for their respective events. Gursharan admitted to the problem, but claimed that it was sorted.

Iyer advised surgery, unlikely for IPL

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

DELHI Capitals are sweating over the availability of their captain Shreyas Iyer who has suffered a labrum tear on his left shoulder. The middle-order batsman has been advised to undergo a surgery which will sideline him for at least three-four months. On Wednesday evening, an alternate suggestion of delaying the surgery has also been floated which will allow Shreyas to feature in the second half of the IPL, provided he takes an injection that will offer him interim solution. But there is no guarantee that the injection will help in healing the injury in five-six weeks.

During the first ODI, Shreyas injured his left shoulder in the eighth over of England's run-chase. A subsequent statement issued by the BCCI said: "Shreyas Iyer subluxated his left shoulder in the 8th over while fielding. He has been taken for further scans and won't take any further part in the game."

However, reports which came out on Wednesday revealed the injury was worse than originally believed. Shreyas is learnt to have a Grade 3 labral tear on his left shoulder, which may not have necessarily been caused by the dive. It is learnt that the batsman has been having issues with shoulder since the last edition of IPL, where he led Delhi Capitals to the final. Even during the Australia tour, Shreyas suffered a shoulder injury that forced him to miss the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s.

If Shreyas chooses to undergo surgery, he will be out of action for a minimum of four months.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Shafali makes case for ODIs

SRINIDHI PR @Chennai

WITH the 50-over World Cup less than 11 months away, it is hard to look at the Indian women's team without Shafali Verma. Though she was ignored for the ODIs against South Africa, the 17-year-old has made a strong case for her inclusion with her performances in the T20I series that concluded on Tuesday.

After scoring a 22-ball 23 and a 31-ball 47, Shafali produced a match-winning 60 off 30 in the third T20I to hand India a consolation win. Speaking after being adjudged the Player of the Series in Lucknow on Tuesday, she took the omission in her stride. "When I wasn't picked for the one-dayers, I felt I might be lacking something," said Shafali. "But I did not ask the captain or the coach because I knew that if my name was not there, it is probably because I only lack something."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

India start afresh against Oman

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE Indian national football team is finally back in action after a gap of 492 days and incidentally they will take on the same opposition as that previous match — Oman. A lot has changed and the team has ten new names and will be without striker Sunil Chhetri who is out after he tested positive for coronavirus.

The chief coach's job is hard as it is getting to be with the players only during international match days. This past year was extra tough and Igor Stimac admitted that a lot of planning that was going on behind the scenes could not come to fruition due to the pandemic. "National team coaches anyways have to start from scratch, but it feels even more so now. We had so many plans in place. There were supposed to be more games and an eight-month long season which included the Super Cup. But obviously those did not work out," the Croat said during a virtual media interaction.

In Chhetri's absence, Stimac will have to modify plans. He has a young group to choose from, all of whom have impressed for their respective ISL sides. While someone like Ishan Pandita was used as a super sub by his club side, Manvir Singh had to operate from the wings. "The best thing is if there could be 11 strikers in the squad. This year we only have Sunil Chhetri who was playing as a striker after the change of positions at Bengaluru FC and Ishan who came on for few minutes and scored some goals. We need to have much more trust in Indian players," the India coach said.

NRAI to name Oly team soon after WC

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will be naming the shooters for the Olympics a week after the ongoing ISSF World Cup. "We will announce the team a week after the World Cup. We will have a meeting and the names will be announced. Current form will be taken into account with qualifying scores also evaluated," Raninder Singh, NRAI chief, revealed.

The emergence of new stars have made certain fields highly competitive. That certain high-profile shooters have faltered post lockdown has added to the intrigue. These include the women's and men's 10m air rifle and the women's 25m pistol.

Among women's rifle shooters, Apurvi Chandela had a great 2019 season with two World Cup gold medals. Fellow quota holder Anjum Moudgil rose to No 2 following her quota win at the World Championships but has not medalled in the World Cups since. The emergence of Elavenil Valarivan, who rose to No. 1 in the world, has added spice to the mix. In the current meet, Anjum was the only one to qualify in individual event before going on to finish fifth while Elavenil won the mixed team gold. Apurvi missed her shot in the team final, costing her team a bronze medal.

Anjum said that she was slowly getting back on track after a below-par performance in the trials. "I feel the pressure is off after reaching the finals. I'm taking it one day at a time and I'm feeling very confident." In the men's 10m air rifle event, quota holder Deepak Kumar, who had undergone a minor surgery, failed to qualify while India No 2 Arjun Babuta qualified for the finals and finished fifth. "I had a back injury because of which I missed out in 2019. I have shot well here and I'm hoping the selection committee looks at these scores," the 22-year-old said.

In Wednesday's action, India occupied all spots on podium in 25m women's pistol with quota holder Chinki Yadav winning gold. Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker bagged silver and bronze. Meanwhile, Tokyo quota holder Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar dominated the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event, clinching gold with a score of 462.5.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

RCB camp in Chennai from March 29

BENGALURU: Royal Challengers Bangalore's camp is scheduled to start from March 29 in Chennai. Virat Kohli and some Indian players are expected to be involved in a bubble to bubble transfer after the India-England ODI series gets over. AB De Villiers will reach on Sunday while other overseas players should reach by April 1 or 2.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-4 on E-procurement portal for 01 no. of tender work pertaining to Koppal District. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work **Rs.130.71 Lakhs.** The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two Cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the undersigned during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **26/03/2021.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **09-04-2021 time 17:30 hours.** Pre bid meeting will be held on **31-03-2021 time 11.00 hours** at this office. Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid **12-04-2021 time 11.00 hours.** Date and time for opening of Financial Bid **15-04-2021 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

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For manufacture, Testing and Delivery of surge arresters with porcelain housing : 64 Nos. of 60 KV, 36 Nos. of 120 KV & 88 Nos. of 198 KV 10KA station type heavy duty, class-III zinc oxide (gapless type), Last Date & Time for Downloading of tender - 06.04.2021 upto 05:00 PM, Last Date & Time for submission of tender - 07.04.2021 upto 03:00 PM, Date & Time for Opening of tender - 09.04.2021 at 10:00 AM.

Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from Punjab Govt. e-tendering website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.nicgep/app.** Corrigendum, if any, will not be published in newspapers. As such the website may be visited regularly for updates.

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"Invitation of Bids for Auction of Coal Mines/ Blocks for Sale of Coal"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4(1) and 4(2) of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and Section 11A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Rules made thereunder, the Government of India has directed the Nominated Authority to undertake the auction of 75 identified coal mines/ blocks under **12th Tranche of Auction under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and 2nd Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act 1957.** Tender Document and other details can be accessed on https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/coalblock/index.jsp

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I,**Langade Kedar** S/o Arun Ramkrishna Langade residing at No.E1103,Shriram Greenfield, Buddugere cross, Bommenahalli Village Mundur District, Bengaluru-560049 have changed my Name to **Langade Kedar Arun** vide affidavit Dated: 22.3.2021 Sworn before Notary Shreeshil.B.Gobbani Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. MANJUSHA** Spouse of No. **JC310233N SUB MAJ B. Babu**, Residing at Illikulathu House Thengamam (Post) Pallickal (Vill) Quilon (Dist), Kerala - 690 522, have changed my name from **S. MANJUSHA** to **MANJUSHA KUMARY. S** and **DOB** from **01.12.1977** to **30.05.1979,** vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KHUSBOO LATA,** (existing name of spouse as per NOK) is legally wedded spouse of No. 13626634L, Rank NK Name Vindeshwari Chaubey, presently R/at Village - Rasulpur Habibullah, Post- Nonahara, Tehsil-Mohammadabad, District-Ghazipur, State-Uttar Pradesh-233303 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KHUSBOO LATA** and **KHUSHBOO LATA PANDEY** are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **KHUSBOO LATA** to **KHUSHBOO LATA PANDEY,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **KHUSHBOO LATA PANDEY** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 9-3-2021, sworn before Notary and Advocate **S.R. Ravikumar** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHLOKA JYOTHI,** W/o Karan Ravishankar Sarnaik, residing at # 217, Sterling Orchards, Flat No. 101, RMV 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560 080 have changed my name to **SHLOKA KARAN SARNAIK,** vide affidavit dated: 24/03/2021, sworn before Notary **D. Guna Shekar**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Prakash Yeshiah** S/o Yesaiah residing at JJL 19806, SLN Temple Road,Near BSN School, Kuntlu Reddy Layout, Jigani, Anekal, Bangalore -560105 here by State that in SSLC & PUC Marks Card My Name has been mentioned as **Prakash** .Both the above mentioned name belongs to me only. I am the same person being Called by two names Vide Affidavit Dated: 26.2.2021 Sworn before Notary K.Muralidharan Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHITRA PAUL,** W/o Pal Pushparaj, R/At No. 208, 2nd Floor, Southern Springs, R K Township Yaranda Halli, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Bommasandra, Bangalore - 560 105, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **I CHITRADEVI** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021 before Notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NITENDRA YADAV,** is brother of Service No. 21004937N, Rank: PTR, Name: **JITENDRA YADAV,** presently R/at V.PO-Behroj, Teh-Mundawar, Dist- Alwar, State-Rajastan, Pin-301404, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NITENDRA YADAV** and **NITENDRA KUMAR** are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **NITENDRA YADAV** to **NITENDRA KUMAR,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **NITENDRA KUMAR** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 22-3-2021, sworn before Notary and Advocate **Diwakar N. Kagawad** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHETLY STEPHEN,** spouse of service No. 632695A, Rank: EX-JWO, Name: **STEPHEN KURAVANEYTH SARAMMA,** R/o #285, Jakkur Telecom Layout, Bengaluru-560064, have changed my name from **SHETLY STEPHEN** to **SHERLY STEPHEN,** vide affidavit dated 22-03-2021, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**REENA ANIDIL KIZHAKINAKATH PANDALAMVALAPPIL** W/o Sri. Suresh Kumar.P, I am changing my name to **REENA SURESH**. resident at No. 108, 1st Floor, Shreyas Ayyappa Community Hall, Near Ayyappa Medical, Officers Model Colony, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057.. Vide Affidavit Dated 24.03.2021 before Notary **V Anjanappa**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHEENA NANDA KUMAR,** W/o S.No. 755012-S, JWO (Ex) Nanda Kumar. T.V, Residing at Flat No. F2, E Block, Sapphire Residency, Kereguddedahalli, Bangalore - 90 state that I have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHEENA NANDA KUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) SHEENA ARUMUGHAN** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2021 sworn before Notary Shri Kundan Babum, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NEH DEVI,** is legally wedded spouse of No.13630164H, Rank: PTR, Name: **SANJU KUMAR MEENA,** presently R/at Old Military,Opp. Esteem Mall, Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru-560 092, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NEHA DEVI** and **NEHA MEENA** are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **NEHA DEVI** to **NEHA MEENA,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **NEHA MEENA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 18-12-2020, sworn before Advocate **Roshan Lal Sharma** at Bansur.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R. KARTHIK,** S/o N.N. Rajendiran, aged about 39 years, R/a No. 159, 6th Main, 2nd Cross, Kodihalli, Bangalore-560008, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **R. KARTHIK** to **KARRTHIK RAJENDIRAN KALPANA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KARRTHIK RAJENDIRAN KALPANA** only, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. NARENDRAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATTAR KHAN WASEEM** R/at No.10, Leonard Lane, Richmond Town, Bengaluru-560025 have changed my minor Son's name from **AZLAN ALI KHAN** to **AZLAN KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 24/3/2021 Before Notary **S.I.Balaguru** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RAJESHWARI KOTAGI,** Residing at No. 6-277, Plot No. 220, Nisarga Colony, Sharan Sirasagi Maddi, Sirasgi, Kalaburagi - 585 103 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAJESHWARI KOTAGI** to **(NEW NAME) RAJESHREE** vide affidavit dated 24.03.2021 sworn before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
We, **G. Ram Kumar,** S/o Subrahmanyam G.R, age 36 years, and **Smt. Arpitha N.,** W/o G. Ram Kumar, age 29 years, both R/a No. 217/1A, 2nd Block, Balaji Road, Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-28 do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **R. LIKHITH RAGHAV IYER** to **LIKHITH RAGHAV IYER RAMKUMAR,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **LIKHITH RAGHAV IYER RAMKUMAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. Venkata** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
We, **1. Sumit Gulati, 2. Paramjeet Kaur Gulati,** both R/a No. B-301, Purva Heights, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-76, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from **SUHAAVI GULATI** to **SUHAAVI KAUR GULATI,** hereafter she shall be known and called as **SUHAAVI KAUR GULATI** only for all purposes, vide afidavit dated 23-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **QUTBUDDIN ZARIWALA** R/at No.707, Maangaly Ashirwad Apartment, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru- 560083 have changed my minor Son's name from **MUFADDAL** to **MUFADDAL ZARIWALA** vide affidavit dated:24/3/2021 Before Notary **S.I.Balaguru** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINAYA KUMAR .M,** aged 45 years, S/o D.M. Mallegowda, R/at No. 757, 53rd Main, 1st Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore-560078, hereby declare that my twin daughter's certificate their names has been mentioned as **NEETI .V** and **NISHKA .V,** and we again are intended to change our twin daughter's name as **NEETI GOWDA and NISHKA GOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 24.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **H.C. THAMMANNAGOWDA,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **PRAKASH G.,** S/o M. Gangadhar, age 41 years, R/a House No. 113, 2nd Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, Srirampura, Bangalore-21 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAKASH G.** to **ADITHYA PRAKASH G.,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ADITHYA PRAKASH G.** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th March 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBUJAKSHI** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ROMIL BHANU PRAKASH NUJELLA,** R/at No. 240, 37th A Cross, 28th Main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-69 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ROMIL NUJELLA** to **ROMIL BHANU PRAKASH NUJELLA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ROMIL BHANU PRAKASH NUJELLA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th March 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FELISIA PERIMALA,** Spouse of No. JC 312977X NB/SUB S. Edward Raj, Mugaiyur (Vill & Post), Viluppuram (Dist) Tamil Nadu (State), Pin: 605 755, have changed my name from **FELISIA PERIMALA** to **FELISIA PARIMALA,** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021 sworn before Notary S.I Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYASHEELA,** previously called as **SHEELA. S,** W/o Sri D.N.Srinivas @ Sri D.N.Srinivasa and D/o Sri Shankar Reddy, aged about 37 years, R/at No.211, 2nd Floor, Thirumala Heights, Balaji Layout, Naganathapura, Opp Mahaveer Ranches, Bangalore-560100. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SHEELA. S'** to **"JAYASHEELA",** Vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary Muniswamy.T, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANKITA TULSYAN,** W/o Pratik Agarwal, residing at # 1114, 13th Cross, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038 have changed my name to **ANKITA MITTAL,** vide affidavit dated: 03/03/2021, sworn before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Benglauru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VIDYA GOUDA,** W/o Basavaraj Gouda, age 33 years, residing at No. 15, Sri Canara Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore-37 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIDYA PATIL** to **VIDYA GOUDA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIDYA GOUDA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th March 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Vyshali K.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHENNAPPAN VIDYA VINOTHINI,** Spouse of No. 15316879f Hav T. Jaiganesan, D.No. 3/116, Thippanapalli (Vill & Post) Krishnagiri (Tk & Dist) Tamil Nadu, Pin: 635 115 have changed my name from **CHENNAPPAN VIDYA VINOTHINI** to **C. VIDYA VINOTHINI** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021 sworn before Notary S.I Balaguru, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VINDESHWARI CHAUBEY,** No. 13626634L, Rank NK, presently residing at 2 Para (SF) permanent resident of Village - Rasulpur Habibullah, Post- Nonahara, Tehsil - Mohammadabad, District- Ghazipur, State-Uttar Pradesh 233303, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **AYUSHI** and **AYUSHI CHAUBEY** are one and the same and belongs to same person i.e. my daughter only, now I have changed my daughter's name from **AYUSHI** to **AYUSHI CHAUBEY,** her date of birth is 18-01-2009, hereafter she shall be known and called as **AYUSHI CHAUBEY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 8-3-2021, sworn before Notary and Advocate **S.R. Ravi Kumar** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SURANJAN SHETTY,** age 28 years, S/o B.R. Shankar, residing at No. 4, Ground Floor, Arogyappa Layout, Mestripalya, Opp. St. Anns Church, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, Bengaluru-77, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMSAGAR S.** to **SURANJAN SHETTY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SURANJAN SHETTY** only, vide affidavit dated 24th March 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. MANJAMMA. G.** W/o. Ramakrishnaiah, aged about 41 years, R/at No.7, 1st Cross, Near S.B.M School, Laggere, Chamundeshwari Nagara, Bangalore - 560058. have changed my name from **Smt. MANJAMMA. G.** to **Smt. GANGAMMA** Vide affidavit dated 23/03/2021, Sworn before the 24th Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMYA KIRTANA NEELAMRAJU** D/o Krishna Vardhani aged about 26 Years, residing at No. 213, 4th Main 6th Cross near NCBS Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, 2nd Phase Bangalore north Vidyaranyapura Bangalore-560063, Have Changed My Name from **RAMYA KIRTANA NEELAMRAJU** to **RAMYA KIRTANA** Vide Affidavit Dated 05/03/2021 sworn before notary D. Sarala Kumari Bangalore-50.

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Physicists excited over anomaly in laws of nature

Experiment in world's biggest atom smasher shows quarks are not behaving as they should

PHYSICS

PARIS: Scientists believe they may have discovered a "brand-new force of nature" at CERN's Large Hadron Collider that could explain why certain atomic particles behave unexpectedly and which may transform our understanding the rudiments of physics.

Authors of the research said this week that their results should "get physicists' hearts beating just a little faster" after they discovered evidence of a "brand-new" type of particle.

Since its inception over a decade ago, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has sought to delve into the secrets of the universe by studying the smallest discreet particles of matter as they collide at nearly the speed of light.

Aside from the discovery of the Higgs Boson -- a previously theoretical particle that gives matter mass -- the project has so far failed to shed much light on how the building blocks of matter function.

According to the standard model of particle physics, particles known as quarks, many of which are unstable and exist only for a split-second, can form heavier particles such as protons and neutrons.

Quarks can also decay into other particles known as leptons -- including so-called "beauty" quarks -- which were discovered at the LHCb in 2014.

The anomaly spotted at the time was that the quarks appeared to also decay into another type of lepton -- muons -- less often than they decayed into electrons. The standard model predicts that beauty quarks would decay into muons at the same rate as they do into electrons.

"The only way these decays could happen at different rates is if some never-before-seen particles were getting involved in the decay and tipping the scales against muons," wrote the authors of this week's research on The Conversation site.

Until recently there had not been enough data to say for

The Large Hadron Collider at CERN

sure what was occurring inside the LHC.

In 2019, scientists re-ran the 2014 experiment on beauty quarks again with additional input gathered in the intervening years.

The dataset has now doubled, and the team poring over it worked "blind" -- they couldn't see the result until all procedures had been reviewed -- in order to avoid any accidental interpretation bias.

When the result finally came out, the data showed that there were around 85 muon decays for every 100 electron decays.

Part of Wright brothers' first airplane on Mars chopper

SPACE

CAPE CANAVERAL: A piece of the Wright brothers' first airplane is on Mars. NASA's experimental Martian helicopter holds a small swatch of fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer, the space agency revealed Tuesday. The helicopter, named Ingenuity, hitched a ride to the red planet with the Perseverance rover, arriving last month.

Ingenuity will attempt the first powered, controlled flight on another planet no sooner than April 8. It will mark a "Wright brothers' moment," noted Bobby Braun, director for planetary science at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, Ohio, the Wrights' hometown, donated the postage-size piece of muslin from the airplane's bottom left wing, at NASA's request.

The swatch made the 300 million-mile journey to Mars with the blessing of the Wright brothers' great-grandniece and great-grandnephew, said park curator Steve Lucht.

Orville Wright was on board for the world's first powered, controlled flight on Dec. 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The brothers took turns, making four flights that day.

This satellite image from Planet Labs Inc. shows the cargo ship MV Ever Given stuck in the Suez Canal | AP

100 SHIPS

Bloomberg reported this had caused a build-up of over 100 ships seeking to transit the canal

EXFILE • TECHNOLOGY

Suez Canal blocked after giant ship becomes wedged

A container ship longer than the Eiffel Tower has become wedged across Egypt's Suez Canal and blocked all traffic in the vital waterway, threatening to disrupt a global shipping system already strained by the coronavirus pandemic

MV EVER GIVEN

THE SHIP, BUILT IN 2018 IN JAPAN, WAS TRAVELLING FROM CHINA TO ROTTERDAM. THE MASSIVE SHIP'S CREW ARE SAFE

193 FEET WIDE

1,300 FEET LONG

220,000 TONNES WEIGHT

SHIP'S BOW was touching the eastern wall

SHIP'S STERN (REAR) looked lodged against the western wall

WHAT HAPPENED?

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the Ever Given to be stuck in the canal on Tuesday morning

Egyptian forecasters said high winds and a sandstorm plagued the area, with winds gusting as much as 50 kph

The ship appears to have deviated from the channel and run aground (meaning that it has hit shallow waters) because of poor visibility and high winds

BLACKOUT?

GAC, a global shipping and logistics company, said the ship had experienced a blackout without elaborating. However, the firm managing the ship, Bernhard Schulte, denied the Ever Given ever lost power

GETTING FREE

Tugboats strained on Wednesday to try to nudge the obstruction out of the way. But it remained unclear when the route would reopen

Shipping monitors MarineTraffic recorded that the vessel had been in the same position since at least Tuesday afternoon

2 DAYS

The Associated Press cited an unnamed Egyptian official who said tugboats hoped to refloat the ship and that the operation would take at least two days.

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

Experts say ships have been stuck in the canal before, but never one this large in the canal's 150-year history. Nearly 19,000 ships passed through the canal last year with over one billion tonnes of cargo

GAUGING THE IMPACT

That could have a major knock-on effect for global shipping, warned Salvatore R. Mercogliano, a former merchant mariner and associate professor of history at North Carolina's Campbell University. If the tug boats are unable to move the ship, some containers may have to be removed by crane barge to lighten the vessel and "this can take days maybe weeks", said broker Braemar

6 KM north of the southernly mouth of the canal

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193 KM LENGTH

1 MN barrels of oil pass through the route, as well as 8% of LNG

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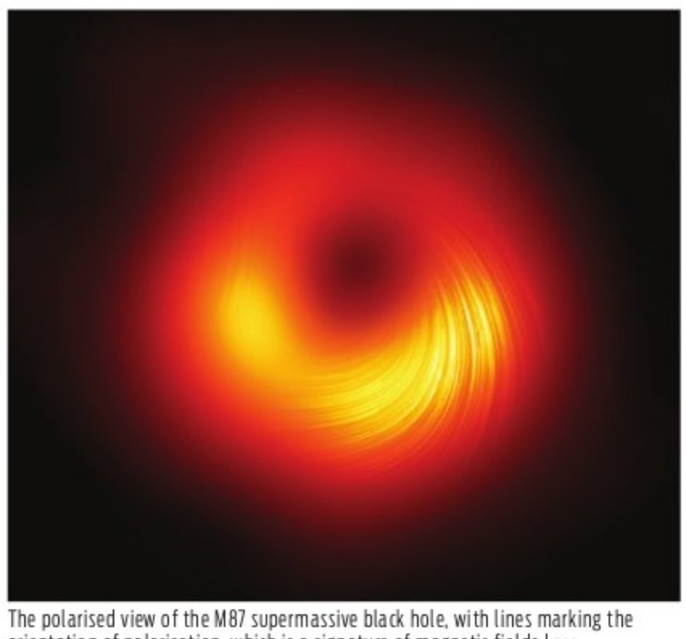
50 VESSELS on average wgo through the canal every day. Nearly every vessel traveling from Asia to Europe passes through the channel



The polarised view of the M87 supermassive black hole, with lines marking the orientation of polarisation, which is a signature of magnetic fields | ESO

New shot of famous black hole shows magnetic field

SPACE

PARIS: The astronomers who gave the world its first true glimpse of a black hole have produced another landmark image, this time capturing the polarised light swirling around the same star-eating monster's magnetic fields.

But it is more than just a pretty picture. Never before has it been possible to measure polarisation -- which causes light waves to vibrate in a single plane -- so close to the edge of a black hole.

The new observations, based on data collected by the Event Horizon Telescope in 2017, are key to understanding how a galaxy can project streams of energy thousands of lightyears outward from its core, more than 300 scientists reported in a pair of studies.

"We are now seeing the next crucial piece of evidence to understand how magnetic fields behave around black holes," said co-author Monika Moscibrodzka, an assistant professor at Radboud University in the Netherlands.

"Activity in this very compact region of space can drive powerful jets that extend far beyond the galaxy."

After releasing the historic image of the supermassive black hole at the heart of galaxy M87, more than 55 million light years from Earth, the researchers discovered that a significant fraction of its surrounding light was polarised.

"The polarisation of light carries information that allows us to better understand the physics behind the image we saw in April 2019," explained co-author Ivan Marti-Vidal, a researcher at the University of Valencia.

When light is emitted in hot regions of space where magnetic fields are present it becomes polarised.

In the same way that specially treated sunglasses reduce reflections and glare from bright surfaces, astronomers can see the regions around a black hole better by looking at how the light is polarised.

This makes it possible to map the magnetic field lines at the black hole's inner edge.

Matter in a black hole is so dense as to create a gravity field from which even light cannot escape. At the same scale of compression, Earth would fit inside a thimble.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Fine wine that orbited Earth

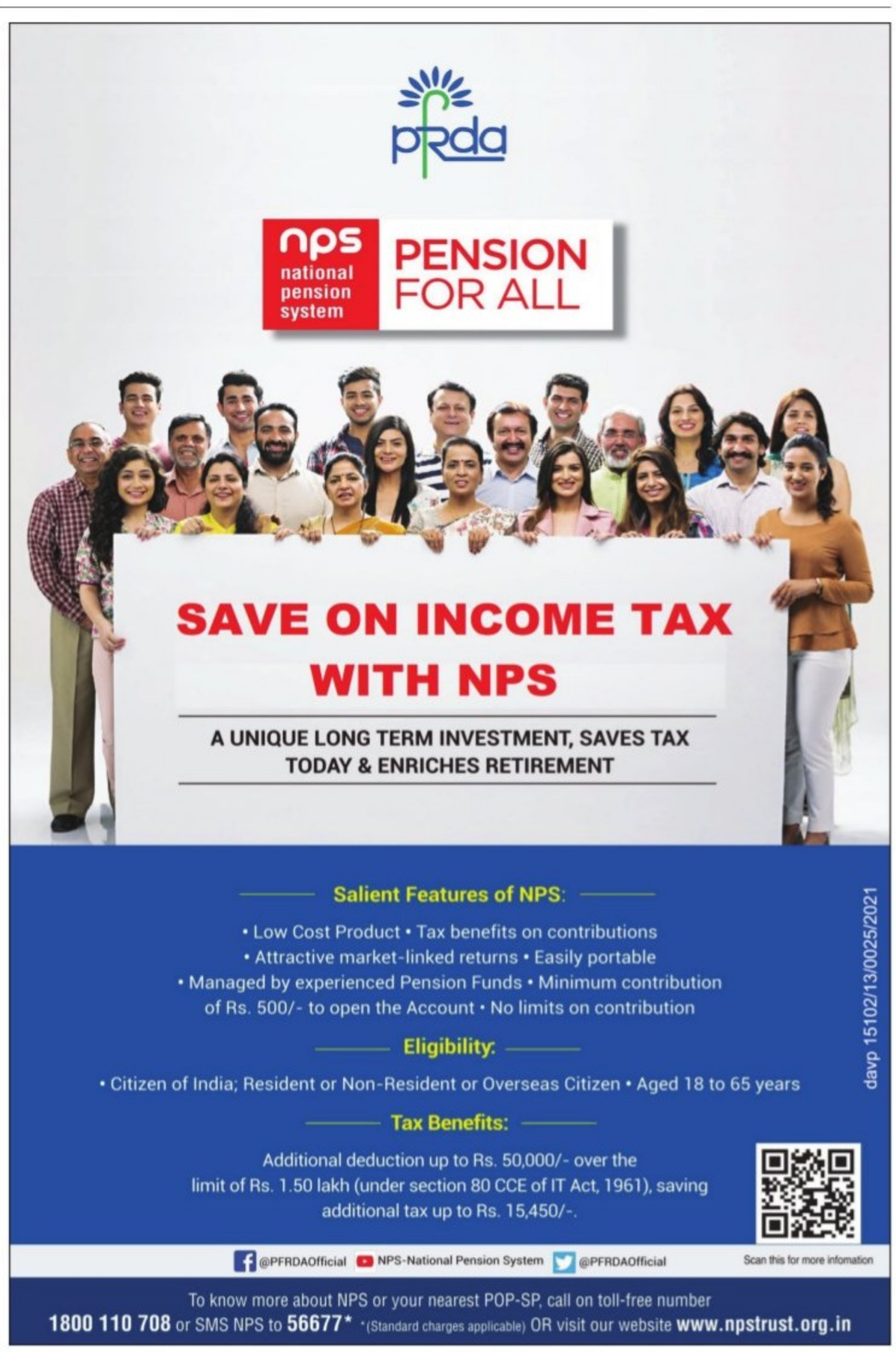
RESEARCH

It tastes like rose petals. It smells like a campfire. It glistens with a burnt-orange hue. What is it? A 5,000-euro bottle of Chateau Petrus Pomerol wine that spent a year in space. Researchers in Bordeaux are analysing a dozen bottles of the precious liquid – along with 320 snippets of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapevines – that returned to Earth in January after a sojourn aboard the International Space Station. They released preliminary results Wednesday, as part of a longer-term effort to make plants on Earth more resilient to climate change and disease by exposing them to new stresses, and to better understand the aging process, fermentation and bubbles in wine. Twelve connoisseurs sampled the space-traveled wine.

Quick change in oceans

SCIENCE

Climate change has wrought major changes to ocean stability faster than previously thought, according to a study published Wednesday, raising alarms over its role as a global thermostat and the marine life it supports. The research in *Nature* looked at 50 years of data and followed the way in which surface water "decouples" from the deeper ocean. Climate change has disrupted ocean mixing, a process that helps store away most of the world's excess heat and a significant proportion of CO_2. Water on the surface is warmer -- and less dense -- than the water below, a contrast that is intensified by climate change. O_2, heat and carbon are less able to penetrate to the deep seas.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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

Titan discovered

Christiaan Huygens, a Dutch astronomer, inventor, physicist and mathematician, discovered Saturn's largest moon, Titan, on this day in 1655

A MOON LIKE THE EARTH

Among our solar system's more than 150 known moons, Titan is the only one with a substantial atmosphere. It is the only place, besides Earth, known to have liquids in the form of rivers, lakes and seas on its surface

SECOND-LARGEST MOON

Titan is larger than the planet Mercury and is the second largest moon in our solar system. Jupiter's moon Ganymede is just a little bit larger

THE NAME

Titan's name comes from Greek mythology. The Titans were elder gods who ruled the universe before the Olympians came to power

'Yuvarathnaa will help me connect with K'taka youth'

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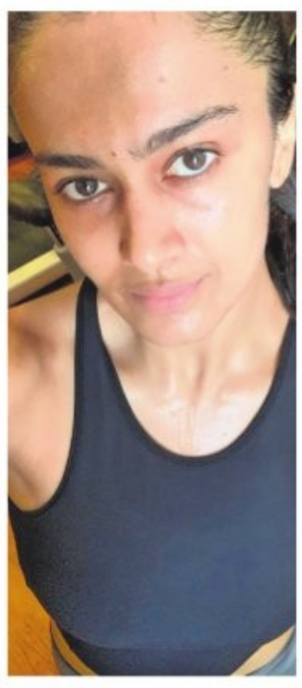

Fitness freak

If you're in need of some much-needed motivation to finish working out for the day, make sure to check Shubra Aiyappa's Instagram. The actor posted a photo of her rocking a post-workout glow and she wittily writes, "This filter is callled (sic) 'Go to the damn gym and get it '". If you were looking for a sign, this is it!

Outgoing Japanese vice-consul, Amao Mitsuhiro, talks to *City Express* about his first foreign posting, how he is spending his last few days in namma ooru, the lessons he takes back home to Tokyo and more

VIDYA IYENGAR

Amao Mitsuhiro | MEGHANA SHASTRY

TAKING A BOW

AHEAD of his arrival to India three years ago, Amao Mitsuhiro, vice-consul, Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru, had three other choices – the United Kingdom, Italy and China – for his first foreign posting. His final decision came as a surprise to those around him. But as his term here comes to a close, Mitsuhiro is convinced he made the right choice. As a diplomat, Mitsuhiro has been involved with various activities of the consulate, including strengthening the Japanese network in the city. Now, he is packing his bags to go back to Tokyo to join the Ministry of Justice, where he worked prior to coming to Bengaluru.

"This was the first time I was living abroad and it was initially difficult for me to use a foreign language on an everyday basis. I came here when my son was three months old and when he cried in public places, restaurants or airplanes, people didn't mind. I was impressed at how Indians around me treated us with a very tolerant and friendly attitude. To be honest, in Japan, when a child cries in public, one has to be very careful about the surroundings," says Mitsuhiro, for whom family outings included trips within Karnataka, like Mysuru, Hampi and Madikeri.

frankly speaking

But as expats find, nothing can prepare you enough for India, which Mitsuhiro heartily agrees with. "Compared to Japan, unexpected things would happen in an overwhelming manner on an everyday basis. But I think I enjoyed it because I was able to have a friendly relationship with people here who were tolerant," he says, adding that this spirit towards others is a learning he takes back with him. "In Japan, one is taught 'to not bother others', but in India, I have heard that one is taught that 'because you grow up concerned about others, you have to be kind to others'. I find this very accurate," he says. But it did take some time to get used to curious passers-by stopping him for a friendly chat. "There have been times when uncles I don't know at cafeterias have stopped to make conversation. When I tell them that I am Japanese, their first association with the country is that it is a place with hardworking people. That's actually a serious social problem, which the government is working to solve," he says.

Working at the consulate was never easy and it was a series of difficult experiences, especially with the sudden announcement of the lockdown, as Mitsuhiro puts it. "The difficult part was the operation to have the Japanese nationals return to Japan during the lockdown. Since all international flights had been suspended in India, many Japanese were unable to return home. Luckily, special flights were possible," he adds.

Speaking of which, the pandemic also played spoilsport to his own plans of riding a camel in Rajasthan, taking a train ride from Jaipur to Jaisalmer, and enjoying a quiet week in Varanasi. But Mitsuhiro is hoping it happens some day. Until then, he's soaking in his last few days, shopping for local delicacies and relishing the jalebis he's come to enjoy here.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) RT Nagar 2) My Early Life 3) Windsor Manor Bridge

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Deepika Arun
2) Yashas MPES
3) Srikantan

CITY READ

Three-day exhibition to be held in town

The Hi Life exhibition will bring together exhibitors from different parts of India. They will present products across categories like bridal wear, designer apparel, jewellery, fashion and home accessories, artefacts, décor and so on. The event will take place from March 25 - 27 at The Lalit Ashok.

Hospital to provide free MRI to the needy

In an effort to make quality healthcare accessible, Aster Hospitals, Bangalore has announced to provide around 1,500 free MRI and CT Scans for the needy in Karnataka for the next year. The free medical investigations are being offered as part of Aster DM Healthcare's 34th Foundation Day.

Power statement

Kangana Ranaut continues to make waves online, this time for flaunting a sari designed by a Bengaluru-based boutique at *Thalaivi's* trailer launch

MONIKA MONALISA

Kangana Ranaut is back in the news, but this time it's for her upcoming movie, *Thalaivi*. The official trailer was launched on Tuesday but the teaser was not the only thing making a buzz on the internet. The Kanjeevaram sari that Ranaut wore for the launch seemed to have won many hearts and interestingly, the outfit comes from Madhurya Creations, which is a city-based handloom revival boutique.

The actor, who portrays the character of former chief minister of Tamil Nadu J. Jayalalithaa, decided to channel the quintessential South Indian look with the Kanjeevaram sari. The rust coloured outfit with intricate work on the thick border was teamed with a black blouse. "The sari was made while thinking of the colour combination of rust and black. This combination was used often in the olden days. You might find this kind of combination in your grandmother's closets," says Bharathy Harish, coordinator of Madhurya Creations.

She adds that the sari also fits the occasion for various reasons. "Usually in the olden days, the rust or saffron colour signified renouncement of the world and black suggested power. Since Kangana is portraying a woman of power, stylist Ami Patel felt the sari best suits the occasion," says Harish, adding that the saree was woven in the weavers' village of Kanchipuram.

The boutique started receiving enquiries about the sari within just 24 hours. "People want to know about the availability of a sari with the exact border and colour, but these are not mass produced pieces. So we are yet to take orders," adds Harish. Ranaut, who had two other reasons of celebration apart from her launch – her birthday and her fourth National Award – completed the look with a statement necklace and earrings, with hair tied in a bun adorned with jasmine flowers.

Short and sweet

EXPRESS FEATURES

JUST as things seemed to be brightening for those in artistic circles, the surge in Covid-19 cases has started to play dampener again. However, Pravara Theatre and Ashvagosha Theatre Trust have started the Bengaluru Short Play Festival (BSPF), in an attempt to keep up the momentum of the last few months, when the scene was picking up. In its maiden year, six Kannada plays will be staged, with teams fighting it out for the top slot, which comes with a prize of ₹8,000. Fifteen performances were screened in the first round, of which six have been selected to the finale. "We've restricted it only to Kannada so that regional groups also get a chance to showcase their talent," says Hanu Ramasanjeeva, the artistic director of the festival, who is working on it along with Nandeesh Dev.

With the theme 'Jeevana Preethi', troupes are coming up with their own interpretation. "The teams are working on diverse themes, like the love between animals or exploring the bond between a mother and her son, whose arrival she awaits every Deepavali. It's interesting to see the various interpretations," he says.

With theatre artistes hit considerably during the last one year, Ramasanjeeva is hoping that attempts like this will give the community a boost. "The groups will have to think on their feet, since we've given each only a 15-minute time frame," he adds.

The finale of BSPF 2021 is on March 27, at 6.30 pm, at KEA Prabhath Rangamandira.

> *The teams are working on diverse themes, like the love between animals or exploring the bond between a mother and her son*
>
> Hanu Ramasanjeeva, artistic director

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AWARD CEREMONY

To celebrate 100 years of Rotary in India, Rotary Bangalore Downtown is conferring the centennial legend women awards. Former Chair of Karnataka Legislative Council, Prof BK Chandrasheker will be the chief guest of the event **When:** Mar 26, 7pm **Where:** Rotary House of Friendship, Lavelle Road

Pop of colour

Celebrate the festival of colours with an array of dumplings, assembled using all-natural vegetable puree. The menu includes Charcoal Prawn Dumplings made using squid ink, Mandarin River Sole dumplings, Wild Mushroom Purple Dumplings and more. **When:** March 24 - 31, **Where:** Sriracha, UB City and Indiranagar

LITERARY EVENT

Ranga Shankara will hold a literary event focussed on playwright and director Abhishek Majumdar. The event will celebrate the launch of his three English plays - *The Djinns of Eidgah, Harlesden High Street*, and *Pah-La*. **When:** March 28, 11am **Where:** Ranga Shankara , JP Nagar

BIRYANI TIME

Ssaffron is bringing together 'Flavours of Royalty', a special biryani menu from across the country. It will offer Ambur Mutton Biryani, Bhavnagri Chili Bharvan Biryani, Mughlai Murgh Biryani and more. **When:** Till March 28 **Where:** Shangri-La Hotel, Bengaluru, Palace Road

FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER: BRING IN THE WEEKEND WITH RISHI SIPPY AND TWOKID WICKID DISHING OUT SOME TUNES. **WHEN :** MARCH 26, INDIRANAGAR SOCIAL

Japanese special

Head to this restaurant to enjoy dishes from the Land of the Rising Sun. The menu includes Don Buri and Robatayaki specials, along with sake cocktails. **When:** Till March 28 **Where:** Mikusu, Conrad Bengaluru

Play time

Watch Kannada play *'Ond Second'*, which is a one-man show. **When:** March 30, 7.30pm **Where:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

Holi thali

With Holi round the corner, Khandani Rajdhani presents Rangeelo Rajasthan festival from March 26 to March 29. There will be seasonal Holi dishes served on a rotational basis, with the thali. Thandai and Guiyas will be served as a part of the curated Holi menu. **For details, call:** 66650317

MEDITERRANEAN DELIGHT

Foodhall's new Mediterranean Cafe menu features Za'atar Avo Toast, Herb Mushroom Talleggio Toast, Marrakesh Couscous Bowl, and more. These new dishes can be paired with Frozen Hot Chocolate and Passion fruit and Thyme Lemonade. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Foodhall@1MG, MG Road

Young talent music fest

The Bharatiya Samagana Sabha is organising Namasthubhyam, a 'young talent music festival'. It is dedicated to young musicians and the performers include Uthara Unnikrishnan, Spoorthi Rao, Rahul Vellal and Nandini Gaikwad. When: March 27 and 28. **Where:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall **Tickets:** BookMyShow.

Live music

Head to this event to watch Paula and The Associates perform a mix of pop, jazz, neo-soul, RnB and Lo-fi. **When:** March 27, 7.30pm onwards **Where:** Sound Bites Cafe at IME, Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar

Pupper party

Pet Fed is bringing a Pupper Party at URU Brewpark. The idea behind this is to bring together pet parents over breakfast. The event will also have games for humans and dogs. **When:** April 4, 8-11.30am **Where:** URU Brewpark, Bannerghatta Road

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

APPLE JALEBI

INGREDIENTS

- **Apple:** 1 ■ **Sugar:** 300 g
- **Water:** 250 ml ■ **Milk:** 250 ml
- **Curd:** 100 g ■ **Maida:** 200 g ■ **Ghee:** 500 g

METHOD

- Mix maida with curd a day in advance to make a batter.
- Melt the sugar in water to make a syrup. Add milk to it.
- Slice the apple and set aside.
- Heat ghee in a pan. Dip the apple slices in the batter and deep fry. Once fried soak it in the sugar syrup for five minutes and serve.

SOUND BOARD

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KHUSHI KHUSHIYAGI
Raj, who belongs to an affluent family, meets Priya at an event and is spellbound by her beauty. He loses her number, which leads to a string of confusions.
- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya, Nandini Rai

MR AIRAVATA
Airavata, a farmer who was wronged by a few corrupt police officers, decides to take matters into his own hands and joins the police force through wrong means.
- Cast: Darshan, Urvashi Rautela, Prakash Raj

JAANU
Siddarth helps Rukmini reach home when she runs out of money on a trip. Rukmini's family attack Siddarth, but welcome him after learning the truth. Both fall in love, but a surprise awaits them.
- Cast: Yash, Deepa Sannidhi, Rangayana Raghu

JODI
Kannan falls in love with Gayathri but both decide to win the hearts of each other's family members and marry with their consent.
- Cast: Prashanth, Simran, Nassar, Trisha

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FIT BIT

TADASANA URDHVA BADDHANGULIYASANA

(MOUNTAIN POSE WITH FINGERS INTERLOCKED)

In Sanskrit, 'Tadasana' means mountain pose, 'urdhva' means upward, 'baddha' means bound, 'anguli' means fingers and 'asana' means pose. In this pose, the brain is relaxed but alert, and you are aware of the intense stretch of your whole body. You can feel the energy flow upward from your feet to your knuckles. There are two variations in this pose: one with the arms bent and the other with the arms straight and hands folded together. This pose helps with chakra alignment, spinal and nerve energies, circulation and expansion of the lungs which increases oxygenation of the blood. The grounding through the feet in mountain pose connects the body to the earth, and the hands above the head connects it to the spiritual realm.

STEPS

- Stand on your bare feet in Tadasana.
- Bring your arms toward your chest, with your palms facing the chest.
- Interlock your fingers firmly, from the base of the knuckles, with the little finger of your left hand below the little finger of the right hand.
- Turn your interlocked palms inside out.
- Exhale and stretch your arms out in front of you at shoulder-level.
- Inhale and raise your arms above your head until they are perpendicular to the floor.
- Extend your arms fully and lock your elbows.
- Then, feel the stretch in your palms.
- Hold the pose for 30-60 seconds.

BENEFITS

- Boosts confidence and helps treat depression.
- Regular practice of this asana helps to relieve arthritis.
- Stretches the shoulders, arms, wrists, and fingers.
- Helps treat spinal disorders.
- Tones and activates the torso, back, abdomen, and pelvis.
- Helps strengthen the knee joints.
- Aids in reducing sciatic pain.
- Regular practice may help correct flat feet.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have a cardiac condition, stress-related headaches, migraine, low blood pressure, insomnia, osteoarthritis of the knees, bulimia, or diarrhoea, avoid practising it.
- People who have high blood pressure should not do this for more than 15 seconds.
- Those who have had polio, knock-knee or problem with balance, keep your feet 20 cm apart.
- Avoid this if you are prone to backache, have a slipped disc or a prolapsed uterus. Keep your big toes together and heels apart.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

WEEKEND (Kannada)
It revolves around techies with and without employment. Among these two groups, Ajay is raised to be good by his grandfather Anant Ram and leads a happy life. But on a particular weekend, mysterious things starts to unfold, which will change their lives.
- Cast: Milind, Sanjana Burli, Anant Nag
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KINAVALLI (Malayalam)
Ann's surprise for her husband on their wedding anniversary gets ruined when they and their friends encounter a paranormal presence.
- Cast: Surabhi Santosh, Ajmal Zayn, Vijay Johnny, Hareesh Kanaran
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O Kadhal Kanmani is an endearing take on the intricacies of live-in relationships told through the story of a young couple trying to navigate love and life.
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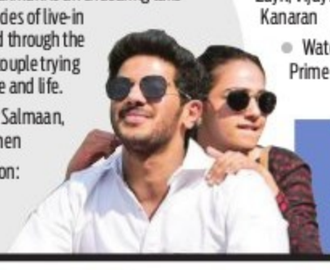

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GAALI SAMPATH (Telugu)
Gaali Sampath loses his voice in an accident and unknowingly plays spoilsport in his son's love story. When his son yells at him for sabotaging his plans, a disappointed Sampath leaving home slips into a well left uncovered. How he survives in the well is the crux of the story.
Cast: Rajendra Prasad, Sri Vishnu, Lovely Singh, Satya
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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NINNILA NINNILA (Telugu)
In London, Dev, an overweight, genius chef who suffers with muscle spasms, meets Tara and love blossoms, but things take an interesting turn when he crosses paths with Maya.
Cast: Ashok Selvan, Nithya Menen, Ritu Varma, Nassar, Dave Wong
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THE WIFE (Hindi)
A young married couple moves into a new house only to find themselves surrounded by haunted spirits.
Cast: Gurmeet Choudhary, Sayani Datta
- Watch on: Zee 5

FOREIGN

EYES WIDE SHUT (English)
After Dr. Bill Hartford's wife, Alice admits to having sexual fantasies about a man she met, Bill becomes obsessed with having a sexual encounter. He discovers an underground sexual group and attends one of their meetings — and quickly discovers that he is in over his head.
Cast: Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Sydney Pollack, Todd Field
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SOUND OF METAL (English)
A heavy-metal drummer's life is thrown into freefall when he begins to lose his hearing.
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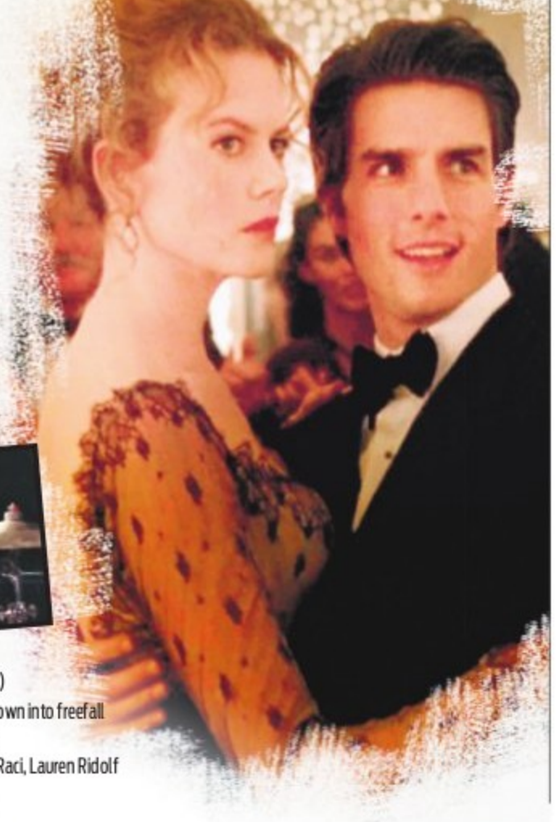

WILD TALES (Spanish)
A waitress adds a special ingredient to an arrogant loan shark's meal in one of several tales dealing with extremes of human behaviour.
Cast: Ricardo Darin, Leonardo Sbaraglia, Julieta Zylberberg, Rita Cortese
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ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI (English)
On the night of Feb. 25, 1964, in Miami, Cassius Clay joins Jim Brown, Sam Cooke and Malcom X, and they discuss the responsibility of being successful black men during the civil rights movement.
Cast: Leslie Odom Jr, Kingsley Ben-Adir, Aldis Hodge, Eli Goree
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NUGGETS

Flu shot linked to fewer, less severe Covid cases: Study

People who received a flu shot last flu season were less likely to test positive for Covid-19 when the pandemic hit, according to a study. The study also indicated that those who did test positive had fewer complications if they received their flu shot. "It's particularly relevant for vaccine hesitance, and maybe taking the flu shot this year can ease some angst about the new Covid-19 vaccine," said researcher Hofmann, Associate Professor at the University of Michigan. - *IANS*

Strong coffee before exercise ups fat-burning in men: Study

Caffeine – about 3 milligram per kilogram (mg/kg), the equivalent of a strong coffee – ingested half an hour before aerobic exercise increases the rate of fat-burning, suggests a new study. "The results of our study showed that acute caffeine ingestion 30 minutes before performing an aerobic exercise test increased maximum fat oxidation during exercise regardless of the time of day," said lead researcher Francisco Jose Amaro-Gahete from the University of Granada in Spain. - *IANS*

Eating processed meat linked to dementia risk

A team of researchers have showed that consuming a 25 gram serving of processed meat a day can be associated with a 44 per cent increased risk of developing dementia, while unprocessed meat was linked to lesser chances of it. The findings, published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, indicated that people who consumed some unprocessed red meat, such as beef, pork or veal, 50g a day were 19 per cent less likely to develop dementia. - *IANS*

Learning lessons

Don't be quick to dismiss your child's difficulty with reading or writing. Learning disabilities are common and can be managed with early diagnosis

DR. RAVI KUMAR C P

SPECIFIC learning disabilities (SLD) or learning disorders is a term used to describe a developmental disorder that impacts a child's ability to read, comprehend, write or use language, and calculate. This is an umbrella term used to describe different types of learning issues like dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia. Children who suffer from learning disabilities are usually labelled as dull, lazy, and troublesome and so on, without people knowing the actual reason behind it. Even though this condition impacts several children across the world, many parents often find it difficult to come to terms with the special needs of their child and are apprehensive about their child being labelled at a very early age.

Due to prevailing social stigma, parents often choose to ignore the signs and symptoms of this condition at an early stage, which later leads to multiplication of complications especially once it starts manifesting as behaviour problems. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge and address the issue right from an early age. Increasing sensitisation about SLD holds the key towards building a better and more inclusive, accessible and sustainable world for such children.

There are several myths regarding SLDs and many people believe that children with learning disabilities have low intelligence but the fact is such children are as smart as other children of their age. These children just need to be taught in ways that are tailored to their unique styles of learning. In order to increase public awareness, which can be helpful in providing early diagnosis to such children, it is crucial to understand the various types of learning, the signs and symptoms and the myths surrounding the condition.

Types of learning disabilities

1 Dyscalculia: It affects a person's ability to understand numbers and learn math facts

2 Dysgraphia: Affects handwriting ability and fine motor skills

3 Dyslexia: Affects reading and related language-based processing skills

4 Non-verbal learning disabilities: An individual will have trouble in interpreting non-verbal cues like facial expressions or body language and may also have poor coordination

5 Oral/written language disorder and specific reading comprehension deficit learning disabilities: This affects an individual's understanding of what they read or of spoken language. The ability to express one's self with oral language may also be impacted.

Therapy for children with special needs can start as early as five months of age, as brain development happens at a faster pace during the first five years of life. Therefore, if the doctors are able to identify the developmental symptoms early and can intervene at an early stage, then the chances of success for the child are higher. Furthermore, even though parenting is an endless task, parents need to understand that they have to be more delicate with children with special needs. In order to make an inclusive environment for such children, teachers and parents have to be trained in terms of picking up the right signals and thinking it through before bringing up the issue with the parent. Only with increased awareness, can we ensure a more inclusive society for such children.

(The author is a consultant, paediatric neurology, Aster CMI Hospital)

Signs of early developmental delays

1. Incorrect, distracted or slow reading and writing
2. Lack of clarity in written and vocal expression
3. Inaccurate mathematical reasoning and difficulty in remembering number or facts
4. Difficulty in following and retaining visual sequences
5. Missing of words, phrases and sentences

DON'T SNOOZE KIDNEY HEALTH

DR PRASHANT C DHEERENDRA

REMEMBER those days where you felt like you were swimming through a cloud? It is not just our mind that gets affected by lack of sleep but other parts of the body also get equally affected. Persistent sleep deprivation or an unhealthy sleep cycle can damage the kidneys.

Chronic kidney disease can impair the normal functioning, eventually resulting in kidney failure. The symptoms of kidney disease resemble symptoms of other medical conditions as well, therefore diagnosing the root cause of chronic kidney disease is important. Fatigue, low energy, and inability to concentrate are a few symptoms that disrupt the sleep cycle. The continuous uneasiness impairs the physiological system.

Insufficient sleep can result in hypotension (low blood pressure) and hypertension (high blood pressure). Alongside, there are higher chances of developing diabetes or becoming obese due to lack of good sleep. Doctors suggest eight hours of sleep to maintain healthy kidneys while less than seven hours can aggravate chances of developing chronic kidney disease.

Interrupted sleep, commonly known as 'sleep fragmentation' is associated with an elevated risk of developing potential kidney problems. Doctors suggest that each hour of less sleep increases the risk of affecting the health of the kidneys. If one is experiencing interrupted sleep persistently, then consultation with a medical expert is recommended. But most importantly, one should avoid certain habits to improve and maintain good sleep hygiene.

There are several reasons why one loses sound sleep, but inculcating certain habits in our routine can help one experience sound sleep and prevent health hazards. Good sleep leads to a fresh start of a new day. It calms our mind and helps us focus on the day ahead. Here are a few ways to improve sleep hygiene:

1. Avoid screen time before going to bed
2. Maintain same sleep routine even on weekends
3. Avoid having a heavy meal a few hours before sleep
4. Be physically active. It is very important to perform physical activities regularly
5. Try to set the room up at a normal temperature

(The author is a consultant nephrologist, Apollo Dialysis clinics)

Eyeing safety

This Holi, have fun but ensure your eyes stray away from harm's way. Here are some simple dos and don'ts to follow while celebrating

DR AMOD NAYAK

WITH the festival of colours, Holi, just around the corner, everyone is waiting to jump into the celebrations. But adequate care for the eyes is a must. Nowadays, it has been observed that vegetables and flowers dyes are no longer being used to make colours. Instead, synthetic chemical colours are being used which have an adverse effect on eyesight. Therefore, it is essential that we take care of our eyes while playing Holi, or one could suffer from irritation and/or allergies, infections, and sometimes even temporary blindness. Here is a list of dos and don'ts for you to keep in mind before you play Holi.

DO

1. Apply oil: The skin around your eyes is very sensitive. Apply coconut or almond oil around your eyes before you go out.

2. Use shades: When someone is applying colours on your face make sure they do not enter the eyes. It can be covered by using protective glasses, sunglasses, or plain glasses.

3. Blink and clean: It is important to try and remove as much colour from the eye as possible. In case it has entered your eyes, wash them immediately with clean or drinking water many times. Lower your face and then try gently to open your eyes in the water collected in your palms. Blink frequently and try and move your eyes around to help rinse off the colour. Do not put water in your eye since that can be detrimental. Also, it is advisable to tie your hair and use a cap to prevent coloured water dripping into your eyes. This may cause eye infections and allergies while playing Holi. Try and keep your eyes open at this time.

4. Consult a doctor: In case the redness does not go, or if there is discharge, itchiness, discomfort or bleeding, immediately consult an eye care professional.

5. Be mindful: It's indeed beneficial to not smear the colours anywhere near the eye. However, this is not always possible, so keep your eyes and lips tightly shut if you are attacked on your face.

6. Lubricate with eye drops: These can be used in case of irritation with the tear supplements. This will help calm any irritation and will also wash off some of the residual colours inside the eye.

DON'T

1. Rub your eyes: Avoid touching your eyes or rubbing them more frequently as it will cause irritation or vision loss.

2. Use water balloons: These are very dangerous and cause blunt trauma to the eye which could cause bleeding, lens subluxation or dislocation, macular edema, or retinal detachment. This could result in loss of vision or even loss of an eye. These situations need to be investigated immediately by an ophthalmologist.

3. Remove substances: Do not try to remove anything that has entered your eyes with a handkerchief or tissue; it will only make things worse.

4. Wear contact lenses: Avoid wearing contact lenses or opt for a daily disposable one as it may cause more harm than good. Contact lenses have water absorbing properties and tend to concentrate any coloured water that enters the eye increasing the risk of allergies and infections.

(The author is the head, clinical services, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital)

Keep in mind

Be careful with those who wear spectacles. Ask them before you smear colours on their face, or else you could even hurt the person with his/her own spectacles. Those wearing spectacles face quite a few issues during Holi. Even if they wear specs, the colour can settle in the minute spaces of the frame. Rimless spectacles also are easily breakable. Hence, it is advised to avoid wearing spectacles.

If colour enters your eyes, wash them with drinking water. Lower your face and then try gently to open your eyes in the water collected in your palms

SOULFUL

Order and meditation

So, violence plays an extraordinary part in our life, we never ask whether the mind can be completely and utterly free from violence. We have accepted it as part of life, as we have accepted war as a way of life. And we have our favourite wars - you may not like this particular war, but you don't mind having other kinds of wars. And there will be always wars – and there have been for 5,000 years, wars, because man has accepted violence as the way of life. And we never question whether the mind can be really and truly, deeply free of violence. And the permissive society in which we live, the culture in which this is gradually coming out of this society, to do what one likes or choose what one likes, is still an indication of violence. Where there is choice there is no freedom. Choice implies confusion, not clarity. When you see something very clearly there is no choice, there is only action. It is only a confused mind that chooses. And choice is an indication of the lack of freedom and therefore in choice there is resistance, conflict.

And so our life as it is now is based on violence. Our life is conditioned by the verb 'to be'. Please, this is important to understand, how our life is guided and conditioned by the verb 'to be': one has been, one is, and one will be. The idea in that verb is to arrive, to succeed, to achieve, to become, gradually attain peace, gradually get rid of the things that hinder us. So the verb 'to be' is the conditioning of the mind in time. Do please follow this.

Because enlightenment is not a matter of time at all. Understanding is not a matter of gradual sensitivity; either one understands it immediately or not at all. As long as the mind is conditioned by that verb, and as most minds are, all our modern structure is based on that. I will be good, I will gradually achieve a certain state of mind and so on. So one has to be aware of this dangerous word. And find out whether the mind can be free of the word, because the word is never the thing, the description is never the described. And yet we are satisfied with the description, with the explanations.

So, as I said, we are going to go into this question of not only what is meditation - and I believe that is a new word that you have learned in this country, brought from the East, and one doesn't know the full meaning of that word. But before we go into that, which is a very complex and most important thing, meditation is the most beautiful thing in life, if you know what meditation is. But before one can meditate one must understand what is living, what is love and what is death. If you don't understand that your meditation is merely an escape, is a form of self-hypnosis.

So you must lay the foundation, not gradually. There must be order before the mind can fully comprehend the significance of what meditation is, there must be complete order. Which means, the end of all conflict, all disturbance, all disorder within oneself, otherwise your sitting down in a corner by yourself for ten minutes a day and thinking you're going to meditate or achieve enlightenment, is nonsense, if you don't mind my saying so.

– Jiddu Krishnamurti

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'YUVARATHNAA WILL HELP ME CONNECT WITH KARNATAKA YOUTH'

Sayyeshaa talks to *CE* about how she bagged her first Kannada film, feeling excited about making her Sandalwood debut under Santhosh Ananddram's direction, and how tough it was for her to match Puneeth Rajkumar's steps on the dance floor

A SHARADHAA

HAVING MADE her mark in Telugu, Hindi and Tamil cinema, Sayyeshaa is now happy to make her Kannada film debut with Puneeth Rajkumar in *Yuvarathnaa*. The actor feels that the film, directed by Santhosh Ananddram, will help her connect with the youth of Karnataka.

Talking to *CE* about her film journey so far, Sayyeshaa says, "Every industry has been different in its own way, and I am talking about the films I have done as well as the people I have worked with. I did have opportunities to take up Kannada projects, but Tamil films kept me busy. I feel *Yuvarathnaa* was the right film to make my debut with. It comes with a great package, including Appu sir (Puneeth Rajkumar), director Santhosh Ananddram, and the production house-Hombale Films. It was too tempting an offer to say no to."

Sayyeshaa wasn't able to be a part of the pre-release event held in Bengaluru because of the pandemic and the restrictions in place. "I was held up in Dubai for a month because of a shoot and a course I was pursuing. When I came back, I had to go through four Covid-19 tests. With the pandemic, you can't do much, and I felt it was important to stay safe, and so couldn't make it," she explains, revealing that *Yuvarathnaa* came to her at a time when she was one week away from her wedding. "I was just completing my shoot for *Kaappaan* with Suriya, and was getting ready for the D-Day. My mother, who was talking to the director, felt it was not going to happen because it was coming during my wedding celebrations. But I fell for Santhosh's humble nature. His keenness to have me for the project made me feel special, and the way he narrated it ensured that I was on board for *Yuvarathnaa*," says the actor, who is elated to be playing a prominent role in the film. "In any film industry, it is not often that a heroine gets a meaty role, with dancing and acting getting paired with a good set-up. It is a commercial film, and the content is very youthful. This way, the film will help me connect with the youth of Karnataka. That was one of the major reasons that made me decide on picking up this film," she says.

Apart from acting, Sayyeshaa is also known for her excellent dancing skills. Ask her how much of it will be seen in *Yuvarathnaa,* and she replies, "If you leave it to me, I want to do a full dance film. However, compared to a lot of films, *Yuvarathnaa* has given me a space to dance a lot.

The fact that I shared the stage with Puneeth sir makes it even more special, since he makes it look so good." says Sayyeshaa. The actor discloses that she hadn't seen much of Appu's dancing before she signed *Yuvarathnaa*. "Being a girl from Mumbai, I had an idea about a few Kannada films, but I wasn't well acquainted with the industry. So when I signed the film, I searched online and saw his dance videos, and years and years of amazing songs that he has been a part of. After I had watched them, I told him, 'People say I am good at dancing, but for the first time, I feel that it will be tough for me to dance with a hero who is so perfect with his steps. With an actor like him, you have to work hard," says Sayyeshaa.

She also had to put in some extra effort to work in a language new to her. But the grind seems to have paid off, she feels, having noticed the adulation that the Kannada film industry enjoys, the love that fans have for a star, and the celebrity status of Puneeth Rajkumar. "It is unbelievable," says Sayyeshaa. "Wherever we shot, the area was filled with thousands of fans, and I could hear the name 'Appu' echoing from the fans. It was amazing to watch those moments of frenzy," she adds.

Working with Hombale Films and director Santhosh Ananddram was a pleasant experience, she mentions, adding, "Although this is Santhosh's third film, he has by now understood the pulse of the audience, and their likes and dislikes. He has a youthful energy, which is infectious."

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>
> Sayyeshaa, actor

A still from *Yuvarathnaa*

Halle Berry to star in Netflix's *Our Man from New Jersey*

CE FEATURES

Oscar-winner Halle Berry has been signed to star opposite Mark Wahlberg in the spy thriller *Our Man From Jersey*.

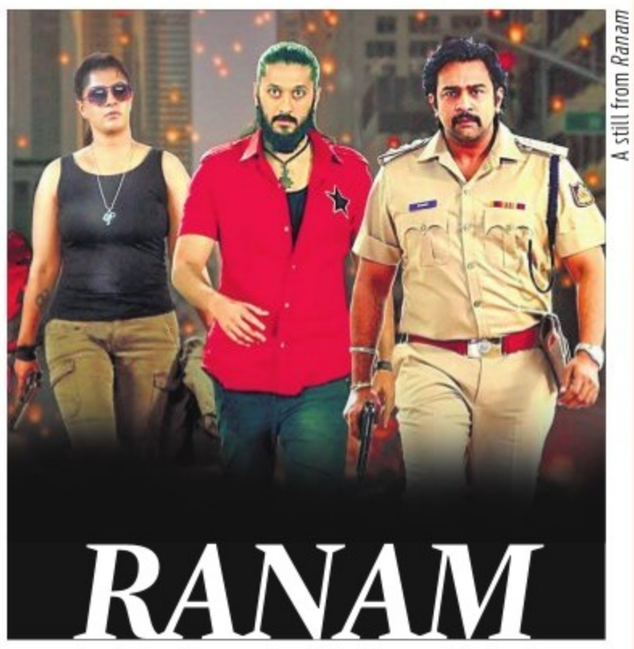
Interestingly, the project is still without a director, with several rumours floating around that Netflix has its eye on a particular filmmaker and their official deal just hasn't signed yet.

David Guggenheim (Safe House) has written the script and although plot details are being kept secret, reports suggest that it will be a spy movie in the vein of James Bond, albeit with a blue-collar lead.

Wahlberg and longtime collaborator Stephen Levinson are producing the movie, which brings them back to Netflix following *Spenser Confidential*. Also, there are reports that even though Wahlberg's hero hails from New Jersey, the film itself will be shot in London early next year.

Netflix recently acquired Halle Berry's directorial debut *Bruised,* which is expected to start streaming later this year. In addition, Berry has also signed on to star in its sci-fi movie *The Mothership.*.

Halle Berry



A still from *Ranam*

RANAM HIGHLIGHTS A HOT NATIONAL ISSUE: CHETAN

Director V Samudra's film, which also features late actor Chiranjeevi Sarja, is getting released on March 26

CE FEATURES

RANAM, which was ready for release in March last year and got pushed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, is all set to hit the screens on March 26. The film will show actor Chetan Kumar styling himself along the lines of Argentine revolutionary Che Guevara. *Ranam* was one of the last films for late actor Chiranjeevi Sarja, who will be seen in the role of a policeman. Starring along with him is Varalaxmi Sarathkumar.

Chetan, who is also known to be a social activist, says he can relate to the character he plays in the movie. He will be seen as a person who fights again injustice and highlights the struggles of farmers — a topic that has been the point of focus and discussions at the national level over the last six months, Chetan said during a media interaction.

"I am glad to be a part of a film that discusses farmers' issues and solutions, and how to give back something to society. The story will also closely resonate with the youth," Chetan said, expressing his happiness on being directed by V Samudra. "He has worked in Telugu cinema before making his Kannada film debut, and I am glad to be associated with him," the actor added.

Ranam, produced by Kanakapura Srinivas, has music by Gurukiran and cinematography by Niranjanan Babu.

This epic showdown is a visual extravaganza

Godzilla vs Kong
Director: Adam Wingard
Cast: Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown, Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry

GOPINATH RAJENDRAN

MonsterVerse has come a long way. Though not as elaborate as the Marvel Cinematic Universe or commanding a rabid fan following akin to DC Extended Universe, within a span of seven years, this monster franchise has gained massive popularity, leading to its latest release Godzilla vs Kong which often made for the top spots in several 'most awaited films of this year' lists. With a lot riding on its shoulders, the film thankfully delivers exactly what's required and expected of the genre, and despite its flaws, stands out as the best film of the franchise.

The tentpole film, as expected, sees the two titans, Godzilla and Kong, clashing head-on for the position of the apex predator - an alpha being at the top of the food chain, with no known predator above it. But, since the lone prospect of the two beat the living daylights off each other is too purist a film, the makers decide to throw in a handful of humans into the crisis as garnish. This is where the rather-formulaic disaster drama must-haves, from the secret government agency Monarch and the private tech company Apex, come into play. And then, we have the perfunctory bunch, trying to unearth the reason behind a mysteriously-abrupt attack by the usually passive-until-provoked Godzilla. The film digs deep, quite literally at times, into the hollow earth theory that the franchise had earlier teased about, and consequently, we are witness to some unseen areas of the MonsterVerse. The private organisation Apex wants to access this hollow earth to come up with a power source that can effectuate their sinister plans.

The biggest convenience of the presently-revealed MonsterVerse is that the ultimate standoff between Godzilla and Kong, arguably two of the most heavy-duty monsters in the world of fiction, practically writes itself. After all, the much-awaited Godzilla vs Kong gridlock happens to be the 36th Godzilla film, and the 12th Kong movie, to have made it to the theatres. Over the years, both the monsters have been through so much drama that they have actually spawned a rich and lasting pop culture legacy spanning almost 90 years, amidst all the destruction sprees they had embarked on over countless cities, Early in the film, you get the feeling that director Adam Wingard had indeed respected the rich source material he had access to, and has smartly interwoven several goosebump-worthy high-points seamlessly into the script, while always being reminiscent of the creation's modern sensibilities.

And the sneaky little tributes and references to its previous iterations are scattered throughout. The Kong's affection towards a female character has been a popular trope in the ape's earlier films. In one scene, he even climbs up a skyscraper to recreate the iconic shot of Kong climbing the Empire State Building in his very first film in 1933. And in the lines of the epic transporting of Kong via helium-filled massive balloons like in the 1962 film, King Kong vs Godzilla gets helicopters sharing the brunt of Kong's weight over a net. In addition, the film pays tribute to its humble beginnings - which usually involved two men sweating inside a suit, while walking amidst a small-scale version of a city, though minor, yer tasteful additions. There is even a callback to the 1962 film in a scene, where a character says that the ancestors of these giants had already fought before.

Despite hindering the play between the two titans, Wingard has come up with a convincing story to justify the dramatic need of its characters. Many of the film's primary characters – like Apex's founder Walter Simmons (Demian Bichir) and son of the late Monarch scientist and the fan-favourite Ishiro Serizawa, Ren Serizawa (Shun Oguri) – are reduced to mere stereotypes of ambitious men, who want to control forces beyond their powers. It's the rest of the younger star cast, such as Kaylee Hottle, Millie Bobby Brown, and Julian Dennison, along with Alexander Skarsgard, Rebecca Hall, and Brian Tyree Henry who make the rest of the non-monster portions convincing with their performances. Hottle as Jia is the best of the lot. Brown as Madison Russell returns to her role from Godzilla: King of the Monsters as the enthusiastic kid who, this time along with her friend Josh Valentine (Dennison of Deadpool 2 fame), teams up with former Apex technician turned conspiracy theorist Bernie Hayes (Henry) to uncover corporate truths.

What really sets Godzilla vs Kong apart is the brilliantly ideated and staged action shots between the two titans. The legends having a face-off was a much-anticipated occurrence, and when they actually do, neither they nor the makers hold back the punches. The creatures get hurt, bleed, get a dislocated shoulder, take time to rejuvenate, and at a point, one of them even needs defibrillation.

RATING 3.5/5

Though the hashtag #TeamKong has more fans when compared to that of Godzilla, it's a no-brainer that the ape cannot standa fight with the nuclear-powered super-lizard. Technically speaking, just one atomic breath by Godzilla is enough to incinerate Kong but the film's action choreography does an amazing job of how the fight ensues with both of them getting equal chances in getting the upper hand. I only wish that most of these scenes weren't a part of the promotional materials which gave away almost all of these humongous action set-pieces. Even the secondary fights involving Warbats have already made it to the trailer cuts, unfortunately.

Between all this mayhem, Wingard even effects a bit of symbolism. In a heart-warming scene, involving Jia and Kong, the two share an emotional moment, and their fingers touch each other, which reminded me of Michelangelo's famous fresco painting The Creation of Adam. The makers have maintained a balance by infusing the film with fan service as well as some strong plot points that would work for the common audience. Godzilla vs. Kong is a simple no-holds-barred battle between the two legendary monsters which is satisfying and almost worth all the hype it has generated over the years.